



Traffic plans to close Glyde Path Road?

DORCHESTER'S watered down traffic plan is to include a proposal to shut Glyde Path Road to stop it being used as a 'rat-run'.

Drivers often use the narrow road to cut the corner when approaching the town from the Yeovil direction, skirting around the side of Colliton Park and then coming out on High West Street, thus avoiding queues up the hill to the Top o' Town roundabout.

But the road is also used by County Hall staff and those visiting

the offices as a way out to the East.

The suggestion is included in the latest traffic calming proposals which, its authors claim, will improve traffic flows, increase pedestrian and cyclist safety and make Dorchester a more attractive place to visit.

Work on the Dorchester Transport and Environment Plan started after official pollution figures showed that both High West and High East streets consistently suffer from higher levels of exhaust

fumes than they should.

In an effort to solve that problem County Council traffic experts came up with their own plan which led to public outcry when it was discovered the effect would be greatly to increase traffic flows in Great Western Road, at the five-way junction, around Cornwall Road and Princes Street.

Residents complained they would have been made to suffer to benefit businesses.

Since then a committee of county, district and town councillors, together with some residents have been trying to find a solution.

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Their latest suggestions include the closure of Glyde Path Road; building out pedestrian 'islands' at the Top o' Town roundabout; paving the bottom end of South Street and improving some of the rest of the paving in the pedestrian part of the street; moving the pedestrian crossing to the other side of the War Memorial to improve access to Brewery Square; building out the pavement outside the old Crown Court to slow traffic

and improve pedestrian access to the building which is due to become a new tourist attraction based around the Tolpuddle Martyrs.

Widening will also take place at the Damers Road and Williams Avenue junction to improve traffic flow towards the town centre and at Great Western Cross introducing new pedestrian crossings on each side of the junction.

An investigation will also be carried out to see if it is possible to

ban lorries from the town centre at the busiest times of day and, or restricting the times they can load and unload.

"This may have taken some time but the important thing for the future of Dorchester is that we get this right," said Dorchester councillor Andy Canning who chairs the Transport and Environment working group.

He said that further detailed drawings and plans for the proposals will be available soon and confirmed that because funding is in place some of the work could start this year.



■ PLANS include extending South Street's pedestrian zone

Beth Boothman, former mayor, dies aged 80

TRIBUTES have been paid to Dorchester's former mayor Beth Boothman, the first woman to become first citizen on two occasions, who died recently at the age of 80.

Mrs Boothman, who first served as mayor in 1979, before taking office again in 1990, died peacefully at Chestnut House nursing home in Charlton Down last month.

She was remembered as a dedicated community leader, known for her broad sympathies and strong convictions.

For three decades Mrs Boothman, who hailed from Aberdeen before settling in the south west, was a key player in local government, representing Dorchester on the town, district and county councils.

And she also became actively involved in many other community activities, as a member and supporter of Cancer Care, the First Dorset Credit Union and Dorchester United Church, as well as working as a hospital volunteer.

Current mayor, Councillor Peter Mann, led the tributes to Mrs Boothman after the news of her death was confirmed last week.

He said: "Beth Boothman will be remembered by many Dorchester people as an outstanding community leader.

"We extend sympathy to her family and friends, and celebrate her life with sincere gratitude."



■ BETH Boothman

Dorchester Monopoly could be next big Christmas game

GO STRAIGHT to Poundbury. Do not pass 'Go', do not collect £200.

That could be the game that Dorchester families play next Christmas as the town is in with a chance of winning its own Monopoly board featuring local landmarks – if it gets enough votes.

Dorchester is up against four other west country towns – Exeter, Taunton, Trowbridge and Truro – all hoping to be the one that wins most public support for its name to go on the Monopoly map.

Residents are being urged to vote by email for Dorchester to win the community chest. Polling began last week and will end on February 28th.

The contest for has been launched by Dan Taylor, head of custom games at Winning Moves UK,

which is making the official version of Monopoly under licence from owners Hasbro, to celebrate the board game's 80th birthday this year.

"It's a year of celebration for us and for one west country town too," said Mr Taylor.

He said that the town that emerges with the most local backing will get its own board, with 22 customised property sites swapping places with the likes of Mayfair and Park Lane from the original.

"Each of the towns is a very strong contender," said Mr Taylor.

"The factors that will decide it are two-fold. Firstly and crucially, the strength of popular feeling and pride for a particular county town. Secondly, the diversity and beauty of potential

landmarks to fill the board.

The board will go into production to be ready in time for this Christmas and be on sale in October.

In a Dorchester version many of the Chance and Community Chest playing cards will be heavily customised too: 'Congratulations, you have won tea with Oliver Letwin, receive £50'.

"Everything is up for grabs," said Mr Taylor.

"The board is a blank canvas at the moment - the public has the final vote."

The world's most popular board game was launched in 1935 and was based on Atlantic City in New Jersey, US. Today, eight decades on, it is played in 111 countries and 43 languages.

Escape maps and compasses were hidden in boards smuggled into prisoner of war camps inside Germany during World War II, with real money for escapees slipped into packs of Monopoly money.

To vote for Dorchester email election@winning-moves.co.uk.

Power lines could come down in AONB

TALKS are being held in Dorchester this month which could eventually lead to the removal of national grid power lines near the Osmington white horse and villages of Martinstown and Askerswell in the Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

The areas were shortlisted as part of National Grid's Visual Impact Provision (VIP) project which is making up to £500million available to bury lines underground in sensitive areas.

The shortlist was compiled following a landscape and visual impact assessment, commissioned by National Grid, which identified these line sections in the Dorset AONB along with nine others as having the most significant landscape and visual impact.

National Grid and the Dorset AONB are currently working together to investigate whether it is possible to mitigate the impact of this section of

transmission line.

As part of the process there will be a drop in event next Wednesday, February 18th at the Colliton Club, opposite County Hall, Dorchester from 2.00pm until 8.00pm.

"We would like to invite you to attend this event which will give you the opportunity to talk with members of the project team and share any information which we may need to take into account as part of this initial study. The information that we gain from this session will be used as a key part of a report on this section of line which will be fed back to the project's stakeholder advisory group in April 2015," said Tom Munro, Dorset AONB Manager.

More information on the VIP project and the study in Dorset is available by visiting www.nationalgrid.com/vip or by emailing the group at visualimpact@nationalgrid.com.

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BRIDPORT residents Louise Ramsden and Heather Hamer are the driving force behind the upcoming Bridport Wildcats strike project.

Louise has lived in Bridport for 12 years and works part-time as an administrator/book keeper for an educational and technical software business with her husband Neil. She has also done voluntary work for the Bridport Oxfam shop, Bridport Citizens Advice Bureau and South West Dorset LETS scheme.

Heather moved to Bridport 18 months ago. She previously worked as a medical secretary and teaching basic reading and writing in a Young Offenders institution. She reinvented herself as a songwriter some six years ago and plans to continue writing in Bridport.

● COULD you tell me a bit more about the 1912 Bridport Wildcats project? What will it involve?

On Saturday, February 14th at about 10.15am we will gather in Bucky Doo Square, Bridport, in our 1912 costumes and then sing songs, led by our excellent town crier Jane Silver-Corren, just as the original women did, including the Suffragette anthem "Shoulder to Shoulder". We will then march through the streets to Amsafe (the old Gundry's factory) where we will have our photo taken by local female photographer Rachel Dunford in the same place they did in 1912.

Our aim is to highlight this little known aspect of Bridport's social/industrial/women's history, contemporary issues of equality and to have a bit of fun singing and dressing up! In addition we have been really pleased with the many spin-offs inspired by the project - singing, song-writing, a marvelous exhibition of women artists called Cre8 at the Chapel in the Garden and a play written about the women by Maya Peris of Story traders.

You can find out more on our Facebook page Bridport Wildcats 1912 or email ler@neilramsden.co.uk it is not too late if you want to join us.

● WHAT inspired you both to get involved and organise the 1912 Bridport Wildcats project?

Louise: I went to a fascinating talk by Carlos Guarita about a local photographer, Clarence Austin. There were some wonderful photographs of women net workers who in February 1912, staged a wildcat (not organised by a union) strike and protested on the streets of Bridport about unfairness at their workplace. The dignity and camaraderie of the women really struck a chord and I thought we could celebrate this spirit by re-staging the photos with modern women in costume.

Heather: Louise told me about the recreating the



photograph and I loved her enthusiasm. I felt I wanted to celebrate the feisty women net-workers of Bridport who stood up to the bosses, and the way the town supported them.

● ARE you both working on projects apart from the Wildcat strike?

No, Wildcats is taking up pretty much all of our time at the moment.

● WHAT do you both like doing in your spare time?

Louise: I like walking, dancing, swimming and Tai Chi. I also love reading, cryptic crosswords and doing a bit of calligraphy. I am a member of the Bridport Film Society and support Bridport Arts Centre.

Heather: I like reading, walking, writing, visiting the town's coffee shops, researching my own family tree, also researching local history. I also support Bridport Arts Centre. After this project I'm going to take it easy and just enjoy the area for a while - though I'm always open to discovering new projects.

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ects. I was involved (with my ex-partner) in two recording projects last year for Bridport FM - the "Love to Sing" project for local amateur singers, and a collaboration of songs/stories written by the local creative writing group, The Story Traders.

● WHAT drew you both to the area?

Louise: We have family in Hampshire and Cornwall and Dorset was a good point in between both. But really it was the sheer beauty of the landscape that drew us to Bridport. We also loved the local shops like Leakers & Fruits of the Earth, we thought it would be a really good place to bring up our children and indeed it has been.

Heather: I have lived in Bridport for 18 months, drawn here by the creative spirit I found here, and the sense of community. I'm now officially a pensioner, though am outgoing and love meeting new people and getting involved in new projects. There's so much to do in Bridport, sometimes the difficulty is choosing which activity to go with! This is my first time living in a small community, and I love living here. I enjoy living near the coast; I love walking on my own at Burton Bradstock.

● DO you have any more projects lined up for the future? What would you like to do?

We will be doing something about the Wildcats at the Rope Walk Fair in May, with the Museum. I hope this event will continue to inspire people to stand up for their rights, there is still a lot to be done with a 19 per cent pay gap and women being disproportionately affected by the growth of zero hours contracts and the low pay offered for vital jobs like caring, in our community. But I think I also need to get on with all the things I've been neglecting whilst organising this event!

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DORCHESTER AREA CRIME ROUND-UP

Terrifying armed robbery

A WOMAN has been tied up and robbed on a Dorchester industrial estate.

The victim, who has not been named, was attacked by two men, one possibly armed with a hammer, while she was alone in the building on Sunday evening.

The woman was left tied up for about 20 minutes after the men had taken a small amount of money from her and the company she works for, Graingers wholesale foods, on the Marabout Industrial estate.

Detectives are appealing for witnesses and anyone with information to come forward. The incident happened at around 8.30pm on Sunday, February 8th.

The offenders are described as

white, of slim build and were wearing dark tracksuit bottoms, hooded tops with the hoods up, had local accents and smelt of cigarette smoke.

Detective Constable Ian Davies, of Weymouth CID, said: "This was a terrifying incident for the victim who was alone at the time. She remained tied up for over 20 minutes until she was found."

"I am appealing for anyone who was in the area of the industrial estate at the time and who may have seen two men matching this description to call me."

"I would urge anyone with any information about this incident to call Dorset Police in confidence."

Incident number 8:385

Indecent exposure at Maumbury

POLICE in Dorchester are stepping up their patrols in the Maumbury Rings, after a suspected flasher was arrested last week.

Officers confirmed the arrest of a 28-year-old man on suspicion of indecent exposure, following an incident earlier this month.

A man, from the West Midlands, has been released on bail while police continue with their enquiries.

Police received reports that a man had indecently exposed himself in the Maumbury Rings area at around 9.00am on Sunday February 1st.

The force is investigating the matter further, but in the meantime officers will be deployed to

the area.

Dorchester Neighbourhood Inspector Steve Marsh also encouraged members of the public to report any similar incidents that may have occurred recently.

"I urge any witnesses to the incident to contact police", he said.

"In addition, I would like to hear from anyone who has seen similar behaviour at Maumbury Rings or the surrounding area, in case there have been similar such incidents during the last few months."

Inspector Marsh added: "As a result of this incident and local concerns, officers have stepped up patrols in the immediate area and the surrounding streets."

Incident number 1:392

Two NatWest bank thefts

POLICE in Dorchester are hunting two men who made off with a sum of money after snatching cash from a town centre bank – before repeating the offence in Weymouth less than an hour later.

Officers are now warning members of the public to be on the lookout for suspicious activity near banks in the area, following the shock double theft.

Detectives are pursuing two suspects who are believed to have stolen an unknown amount of money from a deposit box at the NatWest bank on South Street last week.

According to witnesses, two men were spotted removing money from the box last Wednesday afternoon (February 4th), before running off.

Officers were informed of the theft shortly after 1.00pm, but the thieves struck again before police could track them down.

With officers still investigating the first theft, a repeat incident was reported at 1.55pm at the Natwest branch in St Thomas Street, Weymouth.

No arrests have yet been made

but police believe the two incidents are connected.

Detectives pursuing the thieves are urging witnesses to come forward and assist them with their enquiries.

"We believe both incidents are linked," said Inspector John O'Hara of Weymouth CID, who is investigating both thefts.

"I am particularly keen to hear from anyone who saw two men matching the description in these two areas to call me."

Officers have described the first offender as white and of slim build, around six feet tall.

According to witness accounts, he was seen wearing a baseball cap, a dark scarf and a black jacket.

The second man, also white and of slim build, was wearing a black 'beanie' hat, sunglasses and a fleece at the time of the first incident.

Following the incidents, Inspector O'Hara also said it was important for members of the public to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity near banks.

Incident number 4:161 or 4:211

Witnesses and anyone with information should call Dorset police in confidence on 101. Alternatively, call the free and anonymous Crimestoppers line on 0800 555 111 (mobile phone tariffs may apply).

Chief Constable defends 101

Dorset Chief Constable Debbie Simpson has defended the non-emergency 101 number which was launched more than three years ago.

In answer to criticism from some county councillors she said that by the third week of January, almost 80% of calls were answered within 30 seconds.

Police and Crime Commissioner Martyn Underhill has also supported the service. He said the response times are better than most other public sector organisations.

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Slurry tank overturns



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TRAFFIC on one of Dorchester's busiest roads was at a standstill for almost two hours last week, after a large slurry tank overturned on the A35.

Emergency services rushed to the scene on the Stinsford roundabout at around 7.00am last Thursday morning (February 5th), where the tank was found on its side.

The vehicle, understood to have been carrying 1200 litres of fertiliser, was being towed by a tractor, but overturned as it left the roundabout, obstructing the road.

A crew of retained firefighters from Dorchester

station arrived on the scene within minutes, where the tank was found on its side on a grass bank, with the tractor blocking the road.

Emergency teams worked to ensure there was no spillage from the tank that could affect water sources in the area, and they used specialist equipment to make sure that no slurry leaked from the tank during the recovery.

No one was injured but motorists experienced delays in the area for most of the morning, and the road was fully closed until around 9.00am.

The tractor and tank were later recovered by rescue teams.

Volunteers needed to help disabled people volunteer

HELPERS are needed to support people with learning disabilities who themselves want to volunteer.

"By accompanying a person volunteering, you can enable their confidence to grow and also add value to the community you live in."

"People with learning difficulties often have skills that are unused because we as a society see the disability and not the person," said Siobhán Davis from the Volunteer Centre, Dorchester.

"This might be in a residential care home, volunteering at Dorset Wildlife Trust or in a charity shop like Oxfam."

"We also need people who drive and could

offer transport to get to their volunteering opportunity."

One of the local groups which has supported the project is Oxfam, Dorchester.

Shop manager, Owain said: "At Oxfam, we work to the values of accountability, empowerment, and inclusivity."

"This means that we make sure that every volunteer's contribution is valued and useful, both to Oxfam, and to the volunteer."

"By supporting someone to volunteer, you are empowering them to make a difference: a difference to their own life and a difference to lives around the world."

"This year, for example, the contribution made by some of our

volunteers with mentors has helped raise thousands of pounds through our online shop, and working on the online shop has helped increase the skills and confidence of every volunteer."

Siobhán says the Volunteer Centre would like to hear from local businesses who could offer a spending venue for Community Credit Notes, vouchers which are earned through volunteering and then exchanged at local shops and services which support the scheme.

For more information contact Siobhán Davis at Volunteer Centre Dorset on Dorchester (01305) 269214 or mobile 07918 639014.

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Council bosses to act on DWP 'unacceptable' overspend

By Jack Dixon
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COUNCIL leaders have blasted Dorset Waste Partnership (DWP) for its "unacceptable" budget overspend and have promised to take urgent action to straighten out its finances.

An emergency plan has been put in place to keep a close watch on the way budgets are set in the future, after bosses overspent by a total of £2.76 million this year.

All levels of the partnership's management will be thoroughly investigated, with tighter controls on the hire of vehicles - the costs of which amount to around half of the DWP's overspend.

Council chiefs now say "stringent measures" are in place to prevent future financial

problems and restore confidence in the organisation.

Councillor Anthony Alford, chairman of the DWP Joint Committee, said: "The unexpected increase in the DWP overspend is unacceptable to partner councils, who joined together to deliver better services for local people at a reduced cost.

"Stringent measures are now in place to prevent future inaccuracy and restore partners' confidence."

The DWP was formed in 2011 and consists of all seven of Dorset's local authorities. It is responsible for managing waste, boosting recycling rates and providing street-cleaning services.

Last year an overspend of £2.3 million was discovered, triggering a rigorous investigation of the DWP budget.

But since then, a further £492,000 of previously unbudgeted costs, including an additional £300,000 on hiring vehicles alone, were identified.

Further scrutiny is to come, with the joint committee due to consider the recommendations of two more independent reviews, one by the South West Audit Partnership, and the other by Local Partnerships (jointly owned by the Treasury and the Local Government Association) at its next meeting.

A third, wider-ranging external review is also expected to take place later this year, though details are still to be finalised.

Cllr Alford added: "Councillors will carefully consider the recommendations from the independent reviews to agree what needs to be done."

"Dorset councils remain committed to working together to provide the best possible waste services for the best possible value during these very challenging times."

THE costs making up the total overspend include:

- hire vehicles: £1.3m
- operational staffing costs, including agency fees: £556,000
- disposal costs for the increased total amount of household waste: £441,000
- falling prices for recyclable materials, reducing income: £284,000
- vehicle parts and maintenance: £115,000
- two external reviews into the DWP: £52,000
- other minor variances: £13,000.

Age UK benefits advice sessions

A SERIES of benefits advice sessions are due to be held in the Weymouth and Portland area.

Island Community Action and Age UK Dorchester's Welfare Benefits Team are working together to provide benefits advice and help to older people in west Dorset.

Advice sessions will be held on the second Tuesday in each month between 10.00am and 12.15pm at Island Community Action, and will be by appointment only. Future dates include February 10th, March 10th, April 14th and May 12th.

To make an appointment, please contact Island Community Action on 01305 823789 or at Unit 13, Easton Shopping Centre, Easton, Portland DT5 1EB.

Benefit advice sessions for the over-50s at Age UK Portland are held on the fourth Friday of each

month, between 10.00am and 12.15pm at Age UK Portland and will be by appointment only. Future dates include February 27th, March 27th, April 24th and May 22nd.

To make an appointment, please contact 01305 826219 at Age UK Portland 28 Fortuneswell, Portland DT5 1LP.

There are also benefits advice sessions at Weymouth Community Safety Centre on Radipole Lane.

Advice sessions will be held on the second Thursday in each month, between 9.30am and 11.30am and will strictly by appointment for Dorset residents only. Future dates include February 12th, March 12th, April 9th and May 14th.

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Rampisham solar plans on hold

By Jack Dixon

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PLANS by British Solar Renewables to build a huge solar farm on site of special scientific interest near Beaminster have been put on hold, after government bosses stepped in to prevent a snap decision.

The Department for Communities and Local Government has now issued an instruction to West Dorset planning chiefs not to grant planning permission for the development at Rampisham Down without special authorisation.

A public inquiry could yet be called in, with its recommendations presented to the Secretary of State Eric Pickles for a final decision.

Last month West Dorset District Council opted to approve planning permission for the solar farm, sparking

outrage among conservationists and wild-life campaigners.

Since launching a campaign to fight the development just days after the ruling, the Dorset Wildlife Trust says more than 7,000 letters have been sent to Mr Pickles, calling for urgent action over the proposals.

The Trust's chief executive Simon Cripps said he had been "overwhelmed" by the strength of support shown by people in west Dorset.

"It is good news that the process of issuing planning permission has been halted for the time being, but we need to continue putting pressure on the government to get this perverse decision overturned," he said.

"This is not only of local concern, but would also have national implications if a development such as this is built on a highly protected SSSI (Site of Special Scien-

tific Interest) wildlife site, when other sites are available.

"DWT supports solar power, just not on an SSSI."

Despite objections from Natural England (the government's advisory agency on environmental matters) planners at West Dorset District Council approved plans for a solar farm to be built on the 187-acre site.

Council planning bosses say a balance was sought between economic and environmental benefits when making the decision.

Home to a rare grouping of plants and fungi, Rampisham Down also supports a range of wildlife, from adders to skylarks, within its unique grassland and heathland habitats.

And the Trust is adamant that the site be left alone – especially, it says, as there are alternative locations for the solar farm development.



■ RAMPISHAM Down, SSSI, where British Solar Renewables has started exploratory work before permission has been granted

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Member of the Month: February 2015

Viv Whitall



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What is your favourite activity and why?

All of them - Pilates, Swimming and Simply Aqua!

What do you really enjoy about using Bridport Leisure Centre?

I really enjoy the social side and meeting the other class participants - it's lovely to see everyone each week. The instructors are great and the Centre has a lovely atmosphere.

Congratulations Viv!

Viv is a dedicated and sociable member who always lends a hand.
Congratulations from all the staff at
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PCC visits advocates for mentally ill in custody

DORSET Police and Crime Commissioner Martyn Underhill has visited the Vulnerable Adult Advocacy Project at their offices in Poundbury.

Run by Dorset Advocacy it provides a service on behalf of the PCC, with trained volunteers supporting adults with learning, physical or mental disability and other impairments, who are being questioned as suspects by police in the custody suites at Bournemouth and Weymouth. The service ensures they are treated fairly whilst in custody.

Dorset PCC Martyn Underhill said: "It was great to meet staff and volunteers at the Dorset Advocacy and learn how this project is helping people."

"It is really important that we continue to support this project as it can be difficult for vulnerable people to understand and exercise their rights."

"Custody can be a frightening place for someone with a learning disability or mental impairment and having an advocate who can explain the process and oversee their time whilst in custody is invaluable."

The PCC's visit to Dorchester was part of a programme of community days across Dorset, giving residents a chance to talk to Mr Underhill about his role and raise any policing or wider community safety issues.

Details of future community days are on the PCC's website: www.dorset.pcc.police.uk.



■ PCC Martyn Underhill (left) with manager Mike Pochin (left), and project volunteers

Cancer staff up for national award

A MACMILLAN Cancer Support funded project working to improve cancer services across Dorset has been short-listed for a national award.

The Dorset Macmillan Patient Experience project, based at Dorset County Hospital (DCH), is up for a Patient Experience Network National Award.

Now in their fifth year, the awards are designed to recognise and celebrate the delivery of outstanding patient experience by those involved in the healthcare industry.

The team is one of six shortlisted contesting the category for 'Measuring, Reporting and Acting'; a category aimed at any programmes that are effectively measuring patients' experiences and feedback, reporting the outcomes and ensuring actions to improve are taken as a result.

Macmillan project leader at DCH, Gill Faley, said of the announcement: "It's a real honour hearing the news that our team has been named in the line-up."

"Judges said the stan-



■ (L TO R): Connor Kinsella (project facilitator), Gill Faley, (Macmillan project leader), Izzy Pochin (project facilitator)

dard of entries was exceptional this year, so it is a huge achievement to be shortlisted.

"Our project collects the thoughts, feelings and experiences of people who use and deliver cancer services across the county and, using this information, we shape or 'co-design' service improvements."

"Over the past 18 months, we've worked

hard to listen and act upon patient feedback, and made tangible changes which have helped to make life easier for people affected by cancer."

"We've made a new patient information website for lung cancer, improved communications between patients and clinical nurse specialists, and recruited a volunteer to welcome and support

patients who arrive for surgery in the early morning.

"We are delighted that the value of our local project is being recognised and talked about on a national level."

The awards ceremony will take place on March 11th in Birmingham where winners of each category will be selected by a delegate vote on the day.

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Magna hides bins at Mallards Green

RESIDENTS in Mallards Green, Martinstown, are rubbish free thanks to a new bin store provided by Magna Housing Association.

Neale Hallett, a resident at Mallards Green, applied for funding from Magna's community initiative fund (CIF) for a bin store to be built in preparation for the council's new rubbish and recycling bins.

Neale said: "There are 14 houses here and each was expecting up to five bins. Storing them was going to be a problem and we already had issues with litter and fly-tipping in the area, so something needed to be done before it got worse."

"I thought a dedicated bin storage area for all 14 houses to use would solve both problems, so I applied to Magna for funding."

The CIF allocates £120,000 a year to projects which will improve the areas where Magna residents live and £30,000 to charities and organisations which provide services of benefit to residents.

Ken Bodycombe, community investment officer at Magna, said: "The forum agreed to provide £6,500 for this project, as it was clear that the bin store would improve the area for our Mallards Green residents."

Ken added: "We worked closely with Matthew Boulter, of Dorset Waste Partnership, to make sure the new bin store would be suitable for the wheelie bins that were planned for Mallards Green, and DWP helped by providing larger, communal wheelie bins for the residents to share, reducing the number of bins needed."

If your community has an idea for a project or an area that could be improved, it may qualify for CIF funding. To find out more and get an application form, contact Ken Bodycombe, community investment officer at Magna, on 01305 216095 or email ken.bodycombe@magna.org.uk

Beware new parcel delivery scam

POLICE and trading standards officers are warning Dorset residents to be aware of a parcel delivery scam.

In it, fake cards are left claiming that someone attempted to deliver a parcel.

The recipient is then asked to make a payment, typically £10, by credit card for the parcel to be delivered.

The cards which are left usually bear the recipient's name and say: 'The office is attempting to reach you. To claim this parcel and accept this offer, you must telephone the number below immediately and arrange for a delivery. The item is prepaid, but a processing and delivery fee of £10 must be remitted. This fee can be paid only by telephone and only with a credit card (VISA or MasterCard). This is your only notification.'

Victims who have reported this to Action Fraud have said that the automated service told them the package would be delivered the same day, but they did



■ SCAM cards similar to these are being delivered in Dorset

not receive anything.

Officials are also aware of slight variations of the scam, using different phone num-

bers and delivery items.

The advice is not to call the number provided, not to give any one details of your

credit card and to report the card to Action Fraud either by telephone (0300 123 2040) or online.

Climate week events for March

A SERIES of events are being held in and around Dorchester next month for Climate Week 2015.

All of the events are free, but some require booking in advance to be guaranteed of a place.

The events are being organised by the Communities Living Sustainably group.

Included is the showing of a documentary 'Voices of Transition' at the museum on Tuesday, March 3rd at 7.30pm with a discussion following the screening.

On Wednesday, March 4th, an event is being held in South Street from 11.00am until 3.00pm.

Dorchester Arts Centre is the venue for 'Stories of Change' on Thursday, March 5th from 7.30pm when local people will share stories about how they became interested in living more sustainably.

The evening offers a chance to join in with Artspark's giant Board Game and to see short films including Forkbeard Fantasy's 'Carbon Weevils'.

On March 19th there will be a "Make More, Use Less Workshop" at Athelhampton House that will help your business save money, reduce your environmental impact and sell more.



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Celebrations at Maiden Castle House after 25 years' service

STAFF and residents at a Dorchester care home have celebrated a quarter century of care by domestic assistant Alison Cassidy.

The Maiden Castle House care home staff member was fêted by Care South's chairman, Felicity Irwin, and chief executive, Susan Willoughby, who visited the home to present Alison with a bouquet of flowers and a certificate to commemorate her service to the home.

Alison started work at Maiden Castle House in January 1990 and, a big fan of music, especially pop music from the 1980s, she can often be heard singing whilst making her rounds.

"It's incredible to think it has been 25 years since

I started work at Maiden Castle House; where has the time gone?"

"The best thing about the job for me is getting to know the residents.

"My father suggested I move to another Care South home closer to home in Weymouth, but I'll never leave Maiden Castle House," said Alison.

Kerry Andrews, Deputy Home Manager said: "We had a lovely afternoon celebrating Alison's remarkable commitment to Maiden Castle House and her unwavering dedication to our residents. Other members of staff at the home can learn a lot from the vast experience she has built up over the years. Alison is a real asset to the home."



■ L TO R: chief executive Susan Willoughby, Alison Cassidy's parents, Alison, and Care South chairman Felicity Irwin

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County's first archivist dies, aged 91

DORSET'S first county archivist, Margaret Holmes, has died in Charminster in her 92nd year.

She was born in Bristol and attended Clifton High School where she eventually became head girl. She read English at St Anne's College, Oxford, although her degree course was interrupted in 1943 when she joined the WRNS, working on the construction and maintenance of vessels.

After Oxford, Margaret gained a diploma in archive administration from University College, London and, in 1956, after six years working in the Gloucestershire Record Office, she applied for, and was appointed the first county archivist of Dorset.

Work in the first record office was difficult and cramped, with space for archives competing with stacks of stored empty ballot boxes.

Margaret's energy and determination were instrumental in developing a high quality archive service in which were deposited many of the county's key archive collections. These include not only the records of the great landed estates and major public bodies but of the daily life of Dorset's people. The collection Margaret started is now housed at Dorset History Centre.

Margaret Holmes will be remembered as a modest, but highly effective and pioneering archivist who laid the foundations of the modern service.

Margaret retired in 1984 and enjoyed a busy and active life. She learned to sail, played golf, the recorder and learned to lip read as well as working for the charity Independent Age and served on Charminster Parish Council. She spent her final months in Wolfeton Manor care home.



■ Dorset's first County Archivist Margaret Holmes who died recently



Macebearer retires

Tributes have been paid at Dorchester Town Council to retiring macebearer Jeff Hodgson. Mayor Peter Mann presented him with a book and thanked him for his service to the town, saying: "Mr Hodgson was often the public face of Dorchester Town Council and the councillors were grateful for his work."

Free trial for elderly of personal alarm

BLUEBIRD Care Dorset customers are to be offered a free trial of a personal alarm service.

Bluebird is offering customers a free 30 day trial of a Centra Pulse device which will provide personal 24/7 emergency assistance at the touch of a button. At the end of the trial, customers can continue using the service for £3.50 per week.

Bluebird director Chris Scriven said: "We can now provide our customers with a 24 hour service and be there for them whatever the situation."

Wendy Darling, managing director at Centra Pulse, said: "When technology is coupled with home care, it is often a

great way to enable people to stay living independently at home for longer."

When customers activate the alarm, their local Bluebird Care office will be alerted and given details of the reason for activation. If the customer has suffered a serious accident such as a fall, the team will be available to offer customers and their families additional tailored support to suit individual circumstances.

Bluebird Care Dorset already provides home-care for residents across the county from their offices including Weymouth and Dorchester and the new telecare offering is aimed to complement this service.

News in brief...

■ **ENGLISH TRUFFLES** will be the subject of next week's meeting of the Three Valleys Dorset Wildlife Trust local group at the Herri-son Hall, Charlton Down.

The meeting, on Tuesday, February 17th, at 7.30pm will hear from James Feaver of the English Truffle Company.

In the 19th and early 20th centuries England had a moderately thriving truffle industry. The English Truffle Company finds black truffles in English woodlands, offers them for sale and gives amateurs an opportunity to experience truffle hunting.

Further information about the group and this meeting is available from Allan Reese on Dorchester (01305) 269912.

■ **EVENING OF COMIC POETRY AND MUSIC** is promised by the Dorchester Bards at the King's Arms on Friday, February 20th.

The Bards – Alistair Chisholm, Jerry Bird and Julian Nangle – will take to the stage at 7.30pm.

Their performances will include contemporary and classic poetry with an open mic' spot for anyone who wants to add their own contribution to the evening.

Tickets are £4 in advance from the Tourist Information Centre or £5 on the door.

■ **CALLIGRAPHY FOR BEGINNERS:** a series of six, fortnightly Saturday morning classes, aiming to introduce people to the Foundational Round-hand alphabet will be starting in Dorchester on Saturday, February 21st.

The classes will be small, five students maximum, and cost £50 for the course.

For further information and to obtain an enrolment form, please phone Jenny Trotman on Dorchester (01305) 264568 or e-mail jay_tee@tesco.net.

Heavers' new door for the Norrises

DURING the Melpash and Dorchester Shows, Heavers of Bridport offered a free draw to win a new front door.

Over 500 people entered and the draw took place at the Network Veka annual ball. The winning ticket was drawn by snooker legend Steve Davis.

The lucky winners were Mr and Mrs Norris of Dorchester.

A delighted Mr Norris said: "When we got the phone call telling us we had won Heavers' free draw, we were over the moon and we absolutely love our new front door."



■ **DIRECTOR Luke Heaver** handing Mr and Mrs Norris the keys to their new front door

Martyrs' museum gets green-fingered help



■ **VOLUNTEERS** helping with some early gardening work at the Tolpuddle Martyrs' Museum

VOLUNTEERS at the Tolpuddle Martyrs' Museum have set about tidying up the grounds, planting a new line of espalier apple trees, pruning back the hedges and brightening up the site with bulbs.

The museum commemorates the Tolpuddle Martyrs, farm labourers who were transported to Australia in 1834 for forming a union and fighting to stop cuts their pay.

Museum staff called on a number of people who regularly volunteer at the annual festival to ask for their help with the week-end gardening project.

Tolpuddle Martyrs' Museum manager, Tom De Wit, said: "This was the first volunteer team day and it was amazing how much we got done. The new apple trees will really brighten up the old orchard, which is used as the kids' area

during the festival, and trimming the hedge has made the area look much tidier."

"The plan is to have regular volunteer days and if today is anything to go by it will make a big difference to visitors' experience of the museum and grounds."

The Tolpuddle Martyrs' Museum is presently running winter opening hours and can be visited from Thursdays to Sundays.

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Crossways pantomimers entertain with their version of Snow White



■ **QUEEN Noxella**

THIS year's Crossways pantomime attracted more than 250 people to the village hall.

In true theatrical style cast members decided 'the show must go on' when one of the players became ill.

"Everyone rallied round to ensure that the audience's enjoyment was not diminished," said Judy Whittingham from the Crossways Pantomimers.

Any surplus from the production is used to improve the village hall.

The family panto was the latest offering from the pens of father and daughter Tony Whittingham and Liz Williams.

In it the evil Queen Noxella (Angela Colvill) and her seven try to in-

crease her fortunes, but her magic mirror reveals that the bubble has burst. She loses her temper and her wealth suddenly, with not a financial adviser in sight.

At the castle of King Ferdinand her mirror reveals that she is number two in the beauty stakes behind Snow White (Alison Whiting).

Aided by Nurse Matilda (Andrew Brewer) and the hapless court jester Tim Cabel, Snow White escapes to the mountains in the company of seven miners, who have more than a passing resemblance to the seven incompetent former bankers, where a gold mine offers a safe haven from Noxella and her dastardly Huntsman and his inept apprentice.



■ **NURSE Matilda (Andrew Brewer)**



■ **SNOW White with Doc (Tony Whittingham)**



■ **FIVE of the miners (incompetent merchant bankers)**



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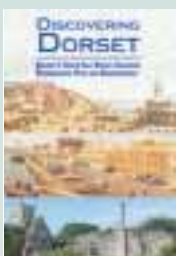
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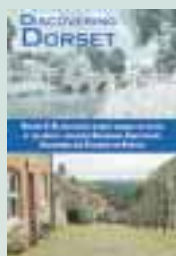
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Bacon's china going under the hammer

FRANCIS Bacon's favourite dinner service, which he used daily, is to go under the hammer at Duke's salerooms.

The artist had the service at his home in Reece Mews, South Kensington, a former Victorian coach house which also doubled as his studio.

The unremarkable crockery was made by Cauldon in the late 1930s and retailed by Maple and Co Ltd, a department store. In itself it is today worth about £30 but, because it belonged to Bacon, it has an estimate of £10-15,000 and will go under the hammer at Duke's of Dorchester next Thursday, February 19th.

After his death in 1992, aged 82, Bacon left everything to his friend and companion John Edwards, who died 14 years ago. The china has come to auction through John Edwards' family who inherited his estate.

Amy Brenan from Duke's said: "Francis Bacon is arguably the most important post-war British artist.

"His kitchen at Reece Mews was well-known as it housed the bath and it is amusing to think of Bacon taking a bath, warming himself by the heat of his oven, with the table laid with this crockery. The service is coloured white with apple green and gilt borders. It consists of an oval meat plate, a vegetable tureen and cover, an open tureen, a sauce tureen and cover, one soup plate, a small oval serving plate, nine side plates, eight dessert plates and one soup plate stand.



■ Francis Bacon's favourite set of china, to be auctioned in Dorchester next week

Waitrose offering £3,000 for choirs or music groups

A LOCAL supermarket is running a scheme that will be music to the ears of choirs, groups, orchestras and bands.

Waitrose in Dorchester is inviting local musical organisations to bid for a grant of up to £3,000 as part of its Music Matters scheme.

Between February and March, local groups can apply for funds through the branch with one-off donations available to recognise outstanding contributions to the musical life of the community.

The grants are open to all kinds of music groups as well as schools teaching music to young children and projects designed to promote music or where music is mixed with other activities such as dance and musical theatre.

The Dorchester store will nominate suitable recipients before the final selections is made at Waitrose's head office.

Melanie Roberts, the communications manager for Waitrose Dorchester, said: "It's wonderful to have the opportunity to be able to support the local community in this way.

"We hope to see a really wide cross-section of applications from groups who perform every type of music and we urge anyone with a passion for music to get in touch."

Application forms are available to pick up at the Waitrose welcome desks or email Melanie at 120.pcm@waitrose.co.uk. The deadline for entries is Saturday, March 14.

Rehearsals start for drama group's Generations Apart

REHEARSALS are underway for Dorchester Drama's spring production 'Generations Apart' by Peter Gordon.

Under the watchful eye of experienced director Ann Ottaway, the cast of eight are working hard to bring the production together.

'Generations Apart' is set on a cliff top on the Isle of Wight in 1969 and 1996. Having met Anne in 1969 during the Summer of Love music festival, Paul decides to shed his conservative life on the island, rejecting his parents and fiancée to run off with Anne to her commune on the mainland. However, circumstances force him to reconsider.

Twenty seven years later, Anne revisits the island with her daughter, and has a chance encounter with Paul on the same cliff top.

Meanwhile, the parallels between Paul's past relationship with his father and his current relationship with his own son become apparent, as each generation grapples with similar problems and difficulties to the one before.

Dorchester Drama will be performing 'Generations Apart' at the Sunninghill Community Hall on April 9th, 10th and 2th. Tickets will be available from Trinity Stores, Trinity Street, Dorchester, or call (01305) 265758.

News in brief...

■ FAMILY CONTACT VOLUNTEERS are needed at a Dorchester centre.

The service has been running for 14 years and is used by separated parents to meet up with their children.

Co-ordinator Kelly Strange is looking for additional volunteers to work with families, ensuring they have a safe and pleasant meeting.

Sessions are held at the United Church Hall on the first and third Saturday afternoon of every month.

Further information is available by emailing dorchestherchildcontactcentre@gmail.com.

■ KOREA TALK: Dorchester councillors Trevor and Stella Jones will be talking about their two trips to North Korea in the 'Travellers' Tales' series at the museum this Thursday, February 12th.

Admission to the 7.30pm talk is free although there is a suggested minimum donation of £3 to help meet museum costs.

■ CARBON NEUTRALITY will be discussed at the next Civic Society meeting on Tuesday, February 17th.

Climate change specialist Garry Charnock will be discussing the Ashton Haynes 'going carbon neutral project' at the Dorford Centre, Top o' Town, from 7.30pm.

The meetings are free but non-members are asked to make a donation of £3 to help defray room hire costs and expenses for the speaker.

■ PANCAKE PARTY: St George's Thursday club will hold its Shrove Tuesday pancake party on February 17th from 3.00pm to 4.30pm in the Church Hall.

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Cheque mates: working for good causes

£2,600 from classic car run for Air Ambulance



■ PHILIP Hart presents the cheque to Richard Robbins of Air Ambulance

FOR the last 20 years the Weymouth Vehicle Preservation Society has organised the New Year's Day Run for classic vehicles.

This year over 200 vehicles took part, backed by the principle sponsor of the event for many years by cookware specialists, Hart's of Stur.

Philip Hart recently presented a cheque for £2,600 from the event to Richard Robbins and Wendy Burke who accepted it on behalf of Somerset and Dorset Air Ambulance.

£1,012 for Dorset kidney fund from volleyball tournament

THE DORSET Kidney Fund was the nominated beneficiary from the volleyball contest on the sands in August.

Chairman Paul Bithell, events manager Sue Bithell, governor Stephanie Vincent, and Diana and Alan Crowder were presented with £1,012 by Cherise Luke-Bennett from Battens.

Sue said: "Our great thanks go to Battens so-

licitors. Our members will be extremely grateful for this support."

Paul added: "The proceeds will go directly into providing advice, help and support for existing and new patients."

Paul spent more than 20 years on dialysis before new developments in technology allowed his mother Sue to donate a kidney to him.

The fund covers Dorset

and South Somerset and there are more than 3,000 people with chronic renal failure in the region.

Cherise, a lawyer in the Battens Weymouth office which organises the volleyball contest, said: "It was another very successful year."

"Our thanks go to the local businesses involved, the Weymouth Volleyball Club and

Weymouth and Portland Borough Council for their tremendous support."

She added: "We are very proud of just how popular the tournament has become and we're looking forward to another successful event this year."

Teams can register their interest on the Battens solicitors website at www.battens.co.uk.



■ L TO R: Sue Bithell, Stephanie Vincent, Sarah Knowles from Battens, Diana Crowder, Alan Crowder, Cherise Luke-Bennett and Fund chairman Paul Bithell

£973 from Old Rooms to RNLI



■ PAUL Smith hands over the cheque to RNLI Weymouth lifeboat mechanic Phil Hansford

WEYMOUTH'S Old Rooms landlord Paul Smith has donated £973 to the RNLI Weymouth lifeboat. The money was raised by donating ten pence for every pint of Old Rooms Ale that the pub sold during 2014.

Mr Smith said that his pub likes to be at the heart of the community and is a regular for many of the local and visiting lifeboat crews and he was "very pleased to support such a good cause".

He also added that he had been rescued a couple of times by the inshore lifeboat while windsurfing in Portland Harbour so had high regard for the work that the volunteers of the lifeboat do.

The cheque was handed over to RNLI mechanic Phil Hansford and some of the lifeboat crew at the Old Rooms.

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Valerie Singleton spearheads older driving skills campaign

DORSET county council is launching older drivers' theory sessions with the help of Valerie Singleton, best remembered for presenting Blue Peter.

The 77-year-old television celebrity, who presented Nationwide, The Money Programme and PM, is keen to encourage drivers aged 75 years and above to take part in these sessions.

The first of these two-hour sessions will take place at Castle Gardens in Sherborne and covers subjects such as negotiating

roundabouts, observations and distractions and looking at why things go wrong.

Valerie said: "The course will help those drivers who learnt to drive in the 1940s, '50s and '60s. The emphasis is on friendly discussion and help to keep people mobile. Roads and driving have changed so much since we learnt to drive and this can wear away your confidence. This course is a great way to get that self-belief back."

Kwik Fit is also attending this

session and is offering a free chance to learn about checking over your car.

Local sessions are:

• **Weymouth:** March 2nd, 10.00am to 12.00 noon, The Gallery, SafeWise, Radipole Lane.

• **Dorchester:** March 20th, 2.00pm to 4.00pm, Lecture Room, Dorchester Fire Station, 112 Firehouse Road

To book or find out more information visit www.dorsetforyou.com/dorsetdriver.

'Make a break for it' with Diverse Abilities

DIVERSE Abilities, Dorset's disability charity, is looking for teams to take part in its 'Make a Break for It' challenge where participants will have the chance to go on a spontaneous 36 hour weekend away, with no idea where they may end up!

From Saturday 25th to Sunday 26th April teams of two to four people will battle to get the furthest away from base and back within 36 hours without any money or transport, just Diverse Abilities t-shirts and persuasive signs.

There will be a variety of prizes to be won for the top teams that take part, make it the furthest away and back to base over the two days.

Emily Watts, events intern at Diverse Abilities, said: "This exhilarating challenge could take you anywhere in the world.

"You just have to be brave enough to do plenty of blagging to get your team free transport!

"This is sure to be an unforgettable weekend away while doing something great for charity and raising vital funds for the children and adults Diverse Abilities supports."

To take part in 'Make a Break for It' teams must consist of two to four people and the minimum entry age is 18 years. The registration fee is £50 and minimum sponsorship is £375 per team.

Diverse Abilities is the only charity that supports children and adults with profound physical and, or, learning disabilities, and their families, in Dorset. During 2015 the charity will be celebrating its 60th anniversary. It currently supports more than 600 children and adults with day care or overnight respite care, and its supported living service helps adults live independently in their own home with



■ **HAVING fun at Diverse Abilities**

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Their advisers also help families and carers claim disability benefits and apply for deputyship status.

To find out more or sign up, get in touch with Emily on 01202 718266 or email emily.watts@diverseabilities.org.uk.

For more information regarding Diverse Abilities visit www.diverseabilities.org.uk.

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Combined council one step nearer

WEYMOUTH and Portland has taken another step towards setting up a tri-council partnership with current partner West Dorset and proposed new partner North Dorset.

A meeting of the council's management committee

agreed to recommend that full council on February 26th approve establishing the partnership.

Councillor Ray Nowak said "partnerships are the way forward" and that this triple set-up was the next step.

It wasn't irrevocable because any of the councils could leave the partnership if they gave 12 months notice, he said.

Chief executive Matt Prosser said staff were being briefed on what was happening.

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Weymouth's Royal Oak is CAMRA's local pub of year

LOCALNESS was the key to the Royal Oak on Weymouth's quayside being named West Dorset Pub of the Year by the Campaign for Real Ale. CAMRA spokesman Michel Hooper-Immins said: "The Pub of the Year award is voted for by our 600 members from 258 licensed premises in the area.

"They praised the outstanding choice and quality of the local real ales, bubbly assistant manager Jenna Wells and the warm atmosphere created by happy local customers.

"They applauded enterprising initiatives like a pint and a pie and the tasting tray consisting of three one-third pints giving a taste of what's available on the bar that day."

West Dorset CAMRA branch chairman Dave Harris said: "The Royal Oak has a welcoming and friendly atmosphere with great views across the harbour; the bar staff are attentive and helpful and the beers are always

in good condition- what more do you want?"

Royal Oak general manager Keith Treggiden said: "It is a real honour to win this award, especially as we've only been trading for 18 months.

"We owe our success to our great staff team and to our loyal local drinkers who have supported us since day one and helped us to come up with the right selection of beers and ciders.

"During 2015, we're planning to put on more special events for customers including a cider festival, a Great British Weekend of local food and drink and a folk festival - with beer, of course."

The Royal Oak now goes forward to the regional CAMRA Pub of the Year competition, against ten other pubs nominated by CAMRA branches in Hampshire, Dorset, the Isle of Wight, the Channel Islands and parts of Wiltshire and Somerset.

Get your Knockout teams together for summer fun

FUN-LOVERS are being urged to join Dorset's disability charity, Diverse Abilities, for its third It's a Knockout' competition on Sunday, June 28th, in Weymouth.

The event, at Lodmoor Country Park, starts at 1.30pm when people can relive the magic of TV's greatest tournament while raising money to support children and adults

across the county who have disabilities, and their families.

'It's a Knockout' is supported by Weymouth & Portland council and Diverse events fundraiser Sharon Wells said: "Why not get a team of friends, family or work colleagues together and join the fun? By signing up for this event, participants will be actively supporting the



work of Diverse Abilities, while having a great time in the sunshine."



■ THE Blood, Sweat and then Beers team from last year's event

Ruth Paulus took part in the 'It's a Knockout' event last year and her team, Blood, Sweat and then Beers, came third.

She said: "It was such a fun event and I can't wait to take part again this year! Each game really got us working together as a team, cheering each other on and having a good laugh at the same time. We were so proud of coming third but this year we are all ready to win!"

To take part, a team of eight to 12 people are required and participants must be aged 16 years or older. All children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Team entry is £120 but Diverse Abilities is

offering half price entry fees if participants register for the event before April 1st, saving the team £60. A minimum of £600 per team (just £50 per person to fundraise) is also required as sponsorship for the event.

To find out more, visit www.diverseabilities.org.uk/events, contact Sharon Wells at Diverse Abilities on (01202) 718266 or email sharon.wells@diverseabilities.org.uk

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Mother and daughter cancer survivors encourage others to unite for charity

LYME Regis resident Kirsten Taylor and Jan Morton have an unbreakable bond as mother and daughter, but they also share another significant experience – they are both cancer survivors.

Now the pair are joining forces to ask people to show their support for cancer patients following World Cancer Day earlier this month.

Daughter Kirsten, a sales executive with the *View From's* sister newspapers in South Somerset, and mum Jan, from Gillingham, near Shaftesbury, are calling on men, women and children to buy a Cancer Research UK "Unity Band" and wear it with pride.

The wrist band is made of two parts which form a knot to represent strength in unity. They are available in a range of colours from all Cancer Research UK shops for a suggested donation of £2.

For Kirsten and Jan, the band represents the power of people joining together to support research and crucial new discoveries which will help more people like them survive. The money raised will help Cancer Research UK scientists to beat cancer sooner.

Kirsten, 40, was diagnosed with Hodgkins lymphoma in September 2000 when she was just 24.

She said: "I had a lump under my arm but I had had a previous injury there so I wasn't too worried about it. However, my doctor decided I should have it checked straight away and a biopsy confirmed it was cancer."

"It was a huge shock and very frightening. I was just starting out in life and suddenly it felt as if all that had come to an abrupt halt."

She had surgery to remove the lump and then began six weeks of daily radiotherapy, having to give up work during this time. Kirsten was warned she would be at high risk of the cancer returning so underwent preventative treatment.

Then, as Kirsten continued with further follow-up treatment, including surgery, mum Jan was diagnosed with breast cancer.

"That was a very difficult time. Mum had been brilliant in supporting me because she is a qualified nurse and now I had to support her too," said Kirsten.

However, there was some good news to follow. Kirsten had also been told there was a high chance she would be infertile, but just as she started fertility investigation, to her delight, she found she was pregnant.

Taegan was born in July 2002 and less than two years later Megan followed. She has since raised thousands of pounds for Cancer Research UK, taking part in Race For Life including once with a double buggy when her daughters were babies and once three-legged with Taegan. Kirsten also climbed Mount Aconcagua in Argentina in 2011, raising nearly £4,000.

She added: "Going through cancer



was a really, really tough time, but to get through it was great. And then to have Taegan, followed by Megan was just incredible. They are my world and having them was something I never dreamed would be possible."

Kirsten was discharged from hospital care last year.

"Initially that felt like an umbilical cord being cut, which is scary. But my oncologist said his door is always open if ever I need to go back," she said.

"I had amazing care all through my treatment and thanks to ongoing research, I have been pre-warned about secondary cancers and preventative steps I can take."

Kirsten's mum Jan, aged 68, has a very different cancer story. She was due to go for a routine mammogram in 2007 and almost didn't go due to poor weather, but her husband, Philip, persuaded her to attend the appointment.

"I'm very glad I did because it turned out I had a rare and aggressive form of breast cancer," she said.

Thankfully, the disease was caught early and after undergoing surgery, chemotherapy and radiotherapy, Jan is now back to full health.

"That's why we're both backing Cancer Research UK and encouraging everyone to get a Unity Band now," she said.

More than three people are diagnosed with cancer every hour in the South West and with cancer incidence set to rise steeply by 2030, there's still much more to do to ensure no-one's life is cut short.

Kirsten added: "I'm grateful for the treatment that saved my life and my mum's life. Now we want to do what we can to urge people to fight back against this devastating disease."

Cancer Research UK researchers have played a key role in supporting landmark advances in cancer treatment including tamoxifen for breast cancer and cisplatin for testicular cancer.

Cancer Research UK receives no government funding for its research but with help from the public, the charity aims to bring forward the day when all cancers are cured.

Lynn Daly, Cancer Research UK

spokesperson for the South West, said: "If we unite; we will beat cancer sooner. Thanks to advances being made in research, a small donation can really make a big difference. Success stories like Kirsten and Jan's would not be possible without the commitment of our supporters, who fund the charity's life-saving work."

"So we are calling on people in to unite and remember those lost to cancer, celebrate the survivors, and rally in support of those currently fighting cancer."

"Every step we take towards beating cancer relies on every hour

of research, every pound donated and every person who gets involved. This is a chance for everyone to make a difference and be a part of something momentous.

"So we dearly hope people of all ages across the region will pick up a Unity Band or make a small donation to Cancer Research UK. A small gesture like this can make a truly big difference and help ensure that more families stay together for longer."

For further information about Cancer Research UK campaigns, visit the website www.cruk.org

Wednesday, February 11

The Business of Getting Published, £ Free, 2-3pm, Malthouse, Town Mill
Panel and advice for authors

Cookies and Creativity, 4-5:30pm, Aroma Cafe
KS2 workshop, £10

Love's Labour's Lost, 6:45-10:00pm, Regent Cinema
RSC Live, £9-£16

Thursday, February 12

'On Cigarette Papers' – A reading and Q&A with poet Pam Zinnemann-Hopel, 1-2pm
£Free, Malthouse, Town Mill

Writing your Way out of Darkness, Workshop with Tracey West and Nayna Kumari
£3, 2:30-3:30pm, Malthouse, Town Mill

How does an author build a novel? A presentation and conversation with author Leslie Tate, 4-5pm
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Saturday, February 14

Jane Austen Tour, 11am – 12.30pm, £10pp, The Anchor, Cobb Gate car park

Cobb History Tour, 12:30pm – 1:15pm, £3.50 per person, Lifeboat Station

Lesser Known Lyme – Meet the author Joanna Smith
£Free, 2pm – 3pm, Lyme Regis Library

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Sunday, February 15

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Kid's Book Nook

Town Mill Malthouse - Saturday and Sunday, 10am-4pm

Join us at the Kid's Book Nook over the weekend and enjoy some beautiful illustrations by our local authors and illustrators. There will be pencils and paper available for children to try their own hand at illustrating, and a pile of bean bags where they can relax and read from a selection of books, as well as some events to join in.

Magic Oxygen @ The Hub

The Hub on Church Street will be the centre of the literary universe on Saturday between 11am and 2pm as Lyme based Magic Oxygen Publishing launch 8 new spring titles. Come along and meet the authors to find out what makes them tick and listen to readings and interviews with them too.

The new releases have something for everyone. They include a rib-tickling Ruritanian romance with political agenda from James Dunford Wood. There's a deeply sinister crime thriller that you're best advised to read with the light on called *Blind Cupid* by Max Brandt. The Pick-Up Artist is a vibrant, colourful rom com from Bridport Prize winning author Chris Hill. Izzy Robertson makes her debut in paperback with *Dreaming the Moon*, a fabulous fantasy fiction and in the same genre, the prolific and much loved children's author Sue Hampton will be there with her new title, *The Dreamer*. Rob E Windsor has a poignant graphic novel about alcohol addiction called *Off Her Facebook!* which started life as an award-winning stage play. Gordon Strong is a writer of myth and legend who presents you with *The Empire of Evil*, full of super sharp wit and cosmic dimensions to dive into.

Tracey and Simon West will also be announcing the winners of the Magic Oxygen Literary Prize, a unique writing competition which planted a tree in their Word Forest for every entry and is also planting a tree for every anthology sold too. It contains the top 10 shortlisted short stories and poems which of course include the brilliantly crafted winning entries.

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- Dust stored dahlia tubers with sulphur powder to discourage rot
- If you have dug over a new area, cover the ground with a large sheet of polythene, weighted with bricks around the edges, to keep off the worst of the winter weather and deter any weeds
- Start to chit seed potatoes available from garden centres
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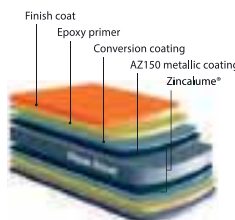
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NOT only is the Dower House Hotel trip advisors No. 1 hotel in Lyme Regis, it's also a stunning wedding venue, which is holding it's first Wedding Fayre on Sunday, March 29th from 11am-3pm.

The Wedding Fayre will provide an excellent opportunity to view the refurbished hotel, as well as to discuss your wedding plans with various suppliers ranging from caterers and dressmakers to photographers. There will also be a marquee on site so couples will be able to see how the hotel can host larger weddings with over 50 guests in its grounds.

The Dower House was fully refurbished this winter, making it the perfect venue for your wedding. The refurbishment included the installation of an environmentally friendly Biomass heating system, six new en suites with Thomas Crapper sanitary ware, the creation of a large new deluxe suite, ideal for newly wed couples, with a large nickel "And So To Bed" bed and a copper bath on a plinth in the bedroom.

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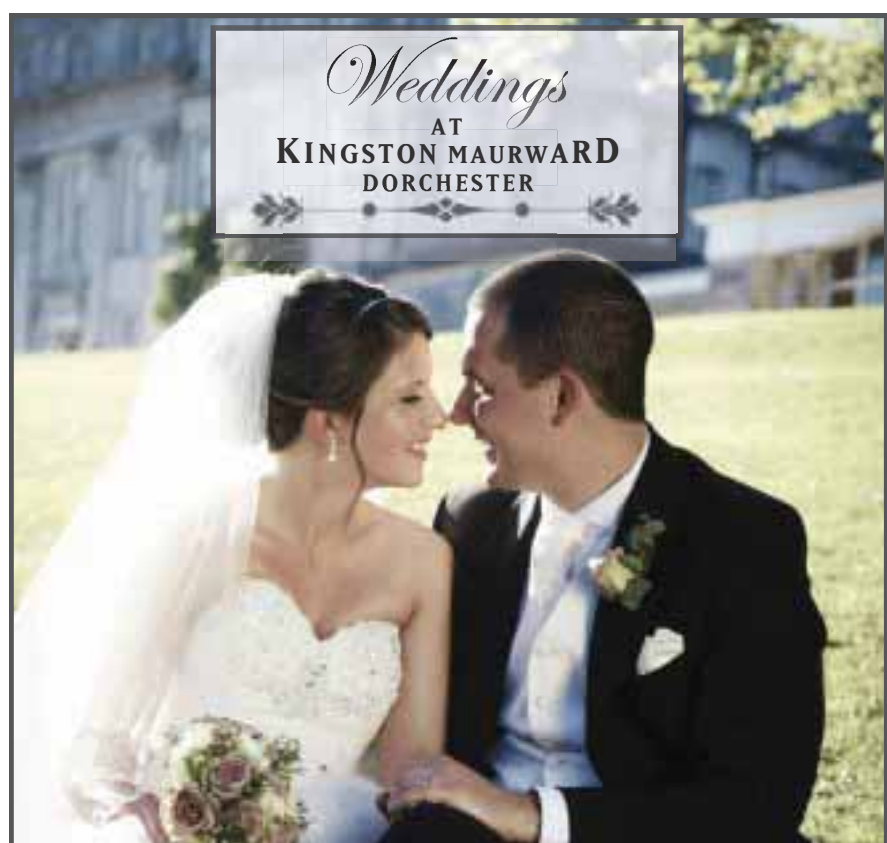
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image can tell an individual story. However she always comes back to her hometown Bridport. Catherine's photography career has spanned 9 years, with her love of weddings beginning in 2003 when she photographed her first wedding. 'I remember it so well, I was terrified! At the end I turned to my assistant and looking like he was going to pass out, he said 'I am never doing that again' I said 'that was so much fun' and so it

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The increase in business and the popularity of

her amazing cakes is such that Heather is taking on a new member of staff, a keen young apprentice, to learn the skills of cakecraft. Heather's fast growing customer base is hungry for her skills in wedding cakes - traditional or quirky - and 3-D birthday, anniversary or celebration cakes, whether plain or elaborate. The number of 'Likes' on the 'Fancy That' Facebook page is testament to the growing band of admirers and satisfied customers, many of whom come back for more! Have a look at her webpage at www.facebook.com/fancythat66 for a taste of what others have enjoyed!

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Since the Cheesemonger opened in June 2009 they have supplied hundreds of couples with cheese that has helped make their days truly special, ranging from simple 3 cheese pyramids to a 13 tier colossus! They can courier cheese to any UK location, ensuring that your "cake" arrives on time and in top condition. The Cheesemonger has designed a clever platform to stop soft cheeses from being squashed by those above it - and supplies tasting and dietary guidance information.

The "cake" can be dressed to match the design for the party - and if there's any left over after the meal, it's a perfect late night nibble for dancers and departing guests.

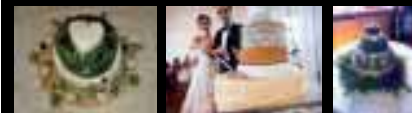
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Canapés will be provided and drinks will be available from the fully licensed bar in the Tithe Barn, Symondsburys Kitchen will also be open for further refreshments throughout the day. Free entry for all and a free goody bag for all brides to be.



▲ A picture from last year's successful Wedding Fayre

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Your guide to local live music

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Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
The Lizzards 9.30pm
John Nelson, DORCHESTER
John De Barra

Nags Head, LYME REGIS
Alan West & Steve Black

Re-loved Vintage & Tea
Rooms/Bistro, 2 Cornhill,
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**Bernardo playing
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Electric Palace, BRIDPORT
Ben Poole
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your date for free - buy one
ticket, get the other free!

Sunday 15 Feb
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Grouvecat 4-6pm

Saturday 21 Feb
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Daytona 9.30pm
Nags Head, LYME REGIS
Real Deal

Re-loved Vintage & Tea
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DORCHESTER

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Old Town Hall, WEYMOUTH
**Robbie McIntosh &
Ken Watkins**
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Sunday 22 Feb
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Cadenza 4-6pm

Saturday 28 Feb
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Tripod 9.30pm

Nags Head, LYME REGIS
Mojo

Electric Palace, BRIDPORT
Fairport Convention
Doors 7.30pm.
£21+bf adv / £23 door

Re-loved Vintage & Tea
Rooms/Bistro, 2 Cornhill,
DORCHESTER
**Bernardo playing
Vintage Guitar**
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advised - 01305 257070.

Sunday 1 March
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
**Jamming at the
Crown** 4-6pm

Durnovaria, DORCHESTER
**Latemouth Blake
(Stomp'n' Dave's
vintage blues alter
ego)** 3-5pm

Saturday 7 March
Nags Head, LYME REGIS
Relics

Saturday 14 March
Nags Head, LYME REGIS
Bug Tree Swamp

A rare musical treat

AN EVENING WITH ROBBIE MCINTOSH AND KEN WATKINS

AN EVENING with Robbie McIntosh and Ken Watkins is a rare treat indeed; they last played a show together in 1988 and now, 27 years later, are back for a one-off concert.

Performing at one of Weymouth's most lovely architectural gems, the Old Town Hall on High West Street, Robbie and Ken's gig promises to be an informal night with a diverse set of songs, reflecting their mutual musical interests, as well as plenty of banter and good humour.

Robbie is currently promoting his latest CD, Turn Up for The Books and having spent most

of last year touring with Sir Tom Jones, is now focusing on his own material and his own band. He has taken time out to play this show with Ken, a musician with whom he shares a close musical sensibility.

Making a welcome return to the live music scene after a few years' break, Ken is looking forward to performing in front of a listening audience once again. His recent CD, That Enjoyed Me is testament to some of his great live shows with Robbie and other musicians and this one is guaranteed to make an indelible impression on anyone lucky enough to get a ticket.

A guest appearance by singer Lucy Watkins whose mellow, textured voice always leaves audiences captivated is sure to augment this sublime musical collaboration.

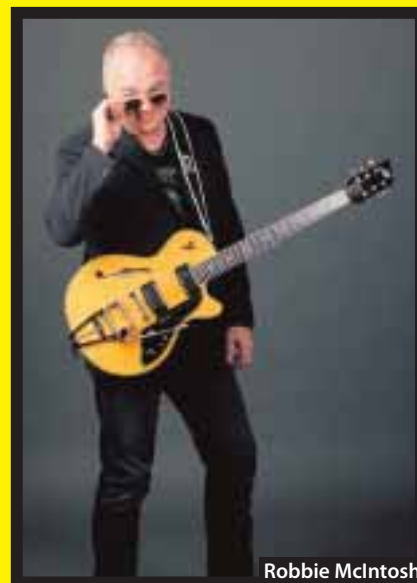
Tickets are £10 and limited to 70, so ring 01305 837299 to ensure you are able to partake of this rare musical feast!

There is no bar in the venue, but you are welcome to bring your own drinks. (Glasses will be provided).

Robbie and Ken will be selling their CDs on the night.

An evening with Robbie McIntosh and Ken Watkins takes place at Old Town Hall, High West

Street, Weymouth on Saturday, February 21st at 8pm. Tickets are £10 from 01305 837299.



Robbie McIntosh



Ken Watkins

Amalthea duo return to Dorset

FLUTE AND HARP FANTASIA

WITH a wide-ranging repertoire, Amalthea flute and harp duo brings the past to the present whilst exploring music from different continents and cultures.

Flautist Klio Blonz has performed extensively both as a soloist and ensemble player around the globe, and including appearances at the Mayfield Festival, Brighton Festival, Demetria Festival and the International Music Festival of Cyclades. She has commissioned and premiered works at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, the National Portrait Gallery, Blackheath Halls, St James's Piccadilly, St Martin-in-the-Fields and the Hellenic Centre in London and is also a co-founder of the Leto Ensemble, which has been broadcast by BBC Radio 3 and is actively performing in the UK and abroad.

Siobhan Swider began playing the harp at The Interlochen Arts Academy, went onto study the harp at The University of Michigan, and then at Trinity College of Music London. Her extensive repertoire covers classical, popular, jazz and folk genres. Siobhan has performed at various prestigious venues around London such as Somerset House, the Royal Academy of Arts, the Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey, and as a soloist for Nelson Mandela, HRH Prince Charles, HRH The Queen and The Princess of Thailand. She has worked with numerous orchestras such as The City of Moscow Ballet, London Sinfonia and The Amadeus Orchestra.

Returning to Dorset once more for a series of special performances for Artsreach, the duo will present music by De-

bussy, Shankar, Mozart, Chopin and Ravel amongst others; expect a beautiful blend of sounds and a real feast for the ears.

Amalthea flute and harp duo play at Martinstown Village Hall on Saturday, February 28th at 7.30pm. To book or for more details call 01305 889963 or visit www.artsreach.co.uk



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A little taste of Paris in Dorchester this Valentine's

DORCHESTER Arts is offering a truly unique Valentine's Special this February with a welcome return for Eve Loiseau performing *Piaf - The Songs* on Saturday, February 14th at the Corn Exchange.

This hit show has been on tour across the globe since 2011 to great acclaim, and now returns in a celebration of this, the centenary year of Edith Piaf's birth.

Having sold out the Corn Exchange on her last visit to Dorchester, Eve will perform all the great classics and as a special Valentine's treat the programme will also feature *Enfin le Printemps* and other romantic songs not performed last time.

Edith Piaf, has become synonymous with French Cabaret of the 1940s and 50s and remains France's most popular singer.

Eve Loiseau's passion for Piaf developed at a young age, around the dining table in South East France. Coming from a French family of singers, long summer meals were often rounded off with French chansons. Piaf is inimitable, but Eve's lustrous French tone captures the essence of the Piaf performance in this tribute to the 'Little Sparrow'.

This powerful celebration of Piaf's repertoire will be accompanied by Fiona Barrow on violin and Murray Grainger on accordion, whose credentials include Kneehigh Theatre



Eve Loiseau

and Canteve Vocale.

Continuing their on-going relations with local businesses Dorchester Arts is pleased to welcome Côte, the new French restaurant to the county town and is delighted to have them on board as a sponsor for this show.

Located in Brewery Square, Côte serves authentic French dishes with a modern twist. 'We passionately and proudly support the Dorchester Arts, which we see as the perfect way to embed Côte within the local community', says a spokesperson for Côte. 'Working in conjunction with the Arts Centre has enhanced and added extra value to the experience of our guests. Côte is the perfect place for a quick lunch or a pre-show dinner'. As an added extra Côte will also have a special offer voucher available to all audience members on the night.

Piaf - The Songs is at the Corn Exchange, Dorchester on Saturday, February 14th at 8pm. To book tickets call Box Office 01305 266926 or visit www.dorchesterarts.org.uk

New play about "the Shrewsbury 24" comes to the Marine Theatre

UNITED WE STAND, a new play based on the story of "Shrewsbury 24", when 24 building workers were accused and three jailed for violent picketing and intimidating workers in Shropshire in 1973, is set to perform at the Marine Theatre on Saturday, February 14th.

In the 1960s and 70s the UK's building companies were making millions rebuilding the country, but building workers faced the most dangerous working conditions and poorest wages of any trade. In the summer of '72, for twelve weeks, 300,000 building workers launched their industry's first national all-out strike to end cash "lump" wages and seek better pay by using the controversial tactic of 'Flying Pickets'. The partial success of the strike, and the methods used, enraged the construction industry and government, and culminated in the arrest of 24 builders in North Wales who were charged with offences including conspiracy to intimidate and affray. The "24" were prosecuted at Shrewsbury Crown Court in 1973 and three were jailed, including building workers Des Warren and Ricky Tomlinson.

Sharp and humorous, *United We Stand* tells the story behind the compelling dispute and dispels the myth, put about at the time, that the pickets were a criminally violent rather than ordinary working men seeking a better life for themselves and their fellow workers.

Combining Townsend Productions'

trademark cast of two playing multiple roles, grand theatrical style and wit with popular and political songs about the strike, arranged by renowned folk musician John Kirkpatrick and Ricky Tomlinson's poems from his time in prison, the production aims to bring the full story of the compelling dispute to life in a powerful and thought-provoking new play.

The events surrounding the strike are still making headlines to this day, and 42 years on, the high-profile Shrewsbury 24 Campaign, led by picket turned actor Ricky Tomlinson is still seeking to overturn the unjust prosecution of the 24 building workers.

Ricky Tomlinson said about the play, "I am delighted The Townsend Theatre Company are presenting a play about the 1972 building workers strike, and the plight of the Shrewsbury 24 building worker pickets. It is 41 years since I, together with Des Warren and John McKinsie Jones, were charged with conspiracy and jailed.

"We were charged with conspiracy, but we believe the real conspiracy was between the government, the building contractors and the judiciary. They



The Shrewsbury 24

wanted the prison sentences to act as a deterrent, to prevent workers from taking strike action.

"Every worker should know what happened to us so as to ensure it does not happen again."

United We Stand is directed by Louise Townsend and will feature in its cast Neil Gore and William Fox.

The performance takes place on Saturday, February 14th at 7.30pm at the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis. Tickets are £10 or £8 (Concessions). To book tickets, contact TIC on 01297 442138 or visit www.marinetheatre.com.

♦ **The show will also visit Bridport and Dorchester Arts Centres - visit the websites at www.bridport-arts.com or www.dorchesterarts.org.uk for more details.**

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Free half-term fun for families at The Electric Palace



THERE'S a week of free entertainment for families over half-term at The Electric Palace, Bridport. Music workshops and singalong Disney films are among the fun things to do at the venue from 14 to 21 February.

Children aged 10 years and under must be accompanied by an adult. Start times are approximate only.

On Saturday, February 14th the Café opens from 9.30am, and from 10am-11am a ukulele playing workshop for children aged 7 and under will take place. Come along and have fun playing this great little instrument. All instruments and guidance supplied. From 11.30am-12.45pm there will be a special screening of 1967 Disney classic *The Jungle Book*.

Three popular animated films will be shown on Wednesday, February 18: *The Little Mermaid* 10.30-11.45am, *Frozen Singalong* from 12.30-3pm, and *The Lion King* from 2.30-4pm.

On Saturday, February 21st Beauty and the Beast will be shown from 10.30-11.45am. At 2pm National Theatre Live's *Treasure Island* will be screened. Tickets are £10 plus booking fee, or £12 plus booking fee on the door or online at See Tickets.com. For children aged 10+ and adults.

Johannes Möller back in Dorchester

Swedish-born guitarist and composer Johannes Möller returns to Dorchester on Sunday, March 22nd following his rapturously received Festival performance in May 2014. The intimate setting of the Arts Centre is the perfect location for him to demonstrate the refinery of sounds the classical guitar can offer. His delightful programme will include some of his highly praised interpretations of Spanish and romantic guitar music as well as some of his most recent original compositions.

Tickets are £12 and £10 for members and concessions. To book call Box Office 01305 266926 or visit www.dorchester-arts.org.uk



Johannes Möller



FANCY a fun night out? Staff at Bridport Arts Centre are inviting you to take part in a charity quiz, with Director Laura Cockett as the MC.

The event will take place at the Arts Centre on Friday, February 20th from 7.30pm and there will be a range of rounds covering everything from music, arts, sport and love (well, it is February!).

The funds from this event will go towards improving Bridport Arts Centre's bathroom facilities.

Marketing Manager Lisa Wilcock said "Join us for a fun night out with complementary roast potatoes for all and prizes for the winners. Best of all the money is going towards reviving the bathroom facilities so the whole town can have an even more wonderful Arts Centre".

Come along for a fun night out for a great cause. Tickets are £5 each for teams of up to six people. Book your ticket online at www.bridport-arts.com or call the box office on 01308 424204

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THE LITTLE MERMAID
12.30-2pm
FROZEN SINGALONG
2.30-4pm
THE LION KING

Saturday 21 February
10.30-11.45am
BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Wednesday 11 February
Royal Shakespeare Company screening: LOVE'S LABOUR'S LOST
Doors open 6pm start 7pm
£10 + bf/E12 + bf on door

Saturday 14 February
BEN POOLE
£10 + bf/ £12 + bf door
TWO FOR ONE DEAL: buy one ticket, get another one free.
Doors 7pm/ start 8pm

Saturday 21 February
National Theatre Live presents: TREASURE ISLAND
Matinee screening at 2pm.
Suitable for 10+
£10 + bf/E12 + bf on door.

Monday 23 February
Broadchurch composer **ÓLAFUR ARNALDS** and watch the finale of **BROADCHURCH**.
6pm Doors/7pm concert start.
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Friday 27 February
COMEDY NETWORK: Gareth Richards, Mark Smith and Julian Deane
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Coming soon: Broadchurch composer Olafur Arnalds, Ferocious Dog, Pam Ayres and Fairport Convention.

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This week's new cinema

FIFTY SHADES OF GREY¹⁸

LITERATURE student Anastasia Steele's life changes forever when she meets handsome, yet tormented, billionaire Christian Grey.

Big screen adaptation of the raunchy best-selling book, starring Dakota Johnson, Jamie Dornan and Jennifer Ehle.

STRANGE MAGIC^{PG}

MAD-CAP fairy tale musical, featuring goblins, elves, fairies and imps, and following their misadventures sparked by the battle over a powerful potion.

Animated family fun with voices from Evan Rachel Wood, Elijah Kelley and Kristin Chenoweth.

LOVE IS STRANGE¹⁵

AFTER Ben and George get married, George is fired from his teaching post, forcing them to stay with friends separately while they sell their place and look for cheaper housing - a situation that weighs heavily on all involved.

Stars John Lithgow, Alfred Molina and Marisa Tomei.

TWO NIGHT STAND¹⁵

A SNOWSTORM forces two people who made an online connection to unwillingly extend their one-night stand as the blizzard goes through the night.

Stars Miles Teller, Analeigh Tipton and Jessica Szohr.

DOWN DOG¹⁵

FROM the writer of Men Behaving Badly. A high flying sex addict tries to connect with his teenage son by teaching him how to get the girl he likes. But soon he discovers that in his world nothing is what it seems.

Stars Jason Durr, Nick Moran and Orla O'Rourke.

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Wild¹⁵

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Big Hero 6^{PG}
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Kingsman: The Secret Service¹⁵
Daily: 14.25, 17.15, 20.05
plus Sat-Thu: 11.35
Shaun the Sheep The Movie^U
Daily: 12.10, 13.15, 14.15, 15.20, 16.20, 18.25
plus Sat-Thu: 11.10am
Fifty Shades of Grey¹⁵
Daily: 11.00, 12.30, 13.55, 15.15, 16.50, 18.00, 19.00, 19.45, 20.15, 20.45 (excl Fri: 11.00am)
The Interview¹⁵
Fri: 12.00, 15.30, 20.50
Sun, Tue-Thu: 20.50
Selma^{12A}
Fri, Sun: 18.05, 20.30
Sat, Mon-Thu: 18.05

American Sniper¹⁵
Fri, Sun, Tue-Thu: 16.35, 19.30
Sat: 16.35, 20.30
Mon: 16.35, 20.50
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day^{PG}
Sat: 10.45am
The Boxtrolls^{PG}
Sat & Sun: 10.20am
The Theory of Everything^{12A}
Sat, Mon, Wed: 12.30
Peppa Pig: The Golden Boots^U
Sat-Thu: 10.00, 11.30, 13.00, 14.30
Project Almanac^{12A}
Mon-Thu: 15.30, 20.30
Paddington^{PG}
Mon-Thu: 10.30am
Testament of Youth^{12A}
Fri, Sun, Tue, Thu: 12.30
The Book Of Life^U
Sat: 10.00am



Half term excitement at Bridport Arts Centre



Robin's Winter Adventure

THIS February Half Term Bridport Arts Centre is offering theatre performances and take part activities to entertain the whole family. Performances include *A Robin's Winter Adventure* for younger children, and workshops include Aerial Silks and Hoop Trapeze with Charlie Booth and surrealism for kids art workshops.

The week of activities will begin on Saturday, February 14th at 2pm with Pied Piper Theatre Company's version of *Robin's Winter Adventure*. It is the incredible story of a young

boy's journey with a feathered friend, who helps him face the challenge of moving from his cosy village to the hustle and bustle of London.

It's a heart-warming tale told with rhythm and rhyme, music, song and laughter plus two wonderfully captivating Robin Red Breast puppets.

Next up there are two short aerial silks workshops with Charlie Booth on Monday, February 16th, 2.30pm. The aerial silks is a circus discipline that develops strength and flexibility, but also the skills of balance and counter balance. The morning course from 10.30am – 12pm will be for children aged 8-11 and the afternoon course from 12.30 - 2pm will be for ages 12+.

These classes can be a challenging but they are also completely exhilarating. There will be a chance for people aged 12+ to learn how to use the hoop trapeze on February 16th, 2.30pm. The workshop involves looking at the movement within the hoop to smoothly achieve transitions from one move to another. This acrobatic workshop is enormous fun whilst being challenging.



Charlie Booth

Later in the week there will be an arty workshop for children aged 5-7 with Angie Porter. Inspired by the Arts Centre's current surrealist exhibition it gives children the chance to engage with word play and picture making. Participants will create their own dreamscapes through drawing and making collages.

Director Laura Cockett said "We have a wide range of activities we have on offer at the Arts Centre during half term

week. From the Robin's winter adventure to Circus Geeks, there's something to entertain everybody. We're looking forward to seeing the Arts Centre bustling with young visitors".

Tickets are available from Bridport Arts Centre box office by calling 01308 424204 or online at www.bridport-arts.com

Showstopping circus as you have never seen it before!



Circus Geeks

BETA TESTING is a show stopping performance that reveals circus as you've never seen it before, and it's heading to Bridport Arts Centre, the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis and Dorchester Arts this February.

It stars three young professional jugglers who are taking a road trip to show you life behind the scenes in their curious profession. By nature juggling is obsessive and super geeky, this show explores what happens when obsession spirals out of control. You can expect comedy and real life stories combined with show stopping skill.

The trio started a blog called Circus Geeks after a particularly late night conversation about the definition of juggling, art and how to make the perfect pizza. They all agreed that there was not

enough information, ideas and connection amongst circus artists and the wider world.

Circus Geeks now has 30,000 followers across the globe, this show is based on it's most popular and exciting posts.

All performers are graduates of, and now teachers at the UK's top circus schools, these men are professional jugglers and the show looks at everything this entails including the strange and wonderful things that people ask professional jugglers.

Tour manager Lauren Hendry said "Expect the unexpected when Circus Geeks start their tour in Dorset next month, there will be leftfield comedy, juggling with chairs and an intriguing mix of the spectacular and the personal"

Circus Geeks – Beta Testing tour dates include:

Bridport Arts Centre on Wednesday, February 18th at 7.30pm. Tickets are £12, £11, £10, available from www.bridport-arts.com or by calling 01308 424 204.

Dorchester Corn Exchange on Friday, February 20th at 8pm. Tickets are £10, £8, £5 available from www.dorchesterarts.org.uk or by calling 01305 266926. Free juggling workshops for 13-18 yr olds are available on the day at Dorchester Arts Centre – booking is essential.

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WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11TH

MARTINSTOWN, NEAR DORCHESTER: Chair-based Exercise. 11.15am-12.30pm at the village hall. £5 per session. Every Wednesday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

BRIDPORT: Barnardo's Helpers' Group Cakes & Bakes. Bring some, buy some. At United Church Hall, 10am-12noon. In aid of Barnardo's.

DORCHESTER: Film: 'Fly Away Home' showing at Evergreens Cinema, at Age UK Dorchester, Prince of Wales Road. Lights will dim at 1.45pm, tea and biscuits served during the showing, for just £1.50. Everyone welcome. Details: 01305 269444.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 12TH

BEAMINSTER: Weldmar Hospicecare Trust Snow-drop Memorial Services of Remembrance at St Mary's Church at 11am.

DORCHESTER: The Thursday Group will meet in St. George's Church Hall, Fordington to hear a talk by Rev Anita Thorne 'Memories from 8 years living and working on the Isle and Royal Manor of Portland.' Starting at 2.15pm the charge is £1 to cover tea/coffee.

DORCHESTER: Richard Lane, President of Diabetes UK, will talk about the work of Diabetes UK and how the charity is working to improve care for everyone affected by diabetes. At the Dorford Centre (DT1 1RR - opposite Top o' Town car park), 7pm for 7.30pm. The talk will be preceded by the West Dorset Group's AGM. Everyone affected by diabetes is welcome to attend.

DORCHESTER: Plant Heritage Dorset Group. 'The World of Hellebores'. An illustrated talk by Diana Guy, a BBC Gardener of the Year and specialist in hellebores, looking at the range of species and cultivars of hellebores for the garden and how to use them to good effect. At 7.30pm in the Conference Room, Kingston Maurward College, DT2 8PY. Visitors welcome (£2.50; students £1 at door). Details from 01929 481535 and the NCCPG website.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 13TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club meeting at Woodmead Halls. Workshop on Close up and Macro images. 7.30pm-10pm. For more details call 01297 444733

WEYMOUTH: Weldmar Hospicecare Trust Snow-drop Memorial Services of Remembrance at Holy Trinity Church at 2pm.

MARTINSTOWN, NEAR DORCHESTER: Exercise to Music for ages 40+. 10-11.30am at the village hall. £5 per session. Every Friday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music for ages 50+. 3-4.30pm at the WI Hall, George Street, West Bay. £5 per session. Every Friday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

LYME REGIS: University of the Third Age Coffee Morning 10am to noon. For the retired and semi-retired to learn (or teach) in groups. Come along and meet the group leaders and sign up for one or more of approx. 40 different subjects, everything from table tennis to geology. At Woodmead Hall, Hill Road. Entry is free. More information about the U3A at lymeregisu3a.org or phone 01297 444566.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14TH

BEAMINSTER: Yarn Barton Community Centre Table top Sale in the Public Hall. 9am-2pm. Tables £15. If you would like a table please call Sally on 01308 862657 or call in at Yarn Barton Centre in Fleet Street. Entrance will be free and there will be home made refreshments.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 16TH

BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music for ages 40+. 5.45-7pm at the WI Hall. £5 per session. Every Monday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

OSMINGTON: Heather Foster explores different eras of music in Music Through The Ages, for Osmington Recorded Music Society, at Osmington Village Hall, Shortlake Lane, from 2.15pm. Plenty of car parking available. Further details from 01305 262121, or email: heather.foster1@btinternet.com

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 17TH

DORCHESTER: Thursday Group Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party from 3-4.30pm in St. George's Church Hall. Charge £1.50

LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis Art Society. Meeting 2-4pm at Woodmead Halls. Sue Fawthorpe will be giving us ideas to upcycle and renegotiate a picture using collage, oil pastels etc. All are welcome. Non-members admittance is £5. Contact Sheila on 01297 445464 for further information.

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Chair-based Exercise. 10.30am-12noon at the WI Hall, George Street, West Bay. £5 per session. Every Tuesday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

BRIDPORT: St Mary's Mothers Union Pancake Lunch at Church House, 12noon-1.30pm. No charge, but donation welcomed in aid of Holidays for families falling on hard times. For more details call Eileen on 01308 422590

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18TH

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MARTINSTOWN, NEAR DORCHESTER: Chair-based Exercise. 11.15am-12.30pm at the village hall. £5 per session. Every Wednesday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 20TH

BROADMAYNE: Market 2-3.30pm at St Martin's Community Hall Broadmayne, (Next to the Church) Cakes, Preserves, Raffle, Craft, Plants, , Bric-a-brac books, Jigsaws, Cards, Local Pork, Sausages and Eggs, Local Watercress, Plants from a local Nursery and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee. All proceeds to St Martin's Community Hall. For further information please contact Eleanor Piper 01305 853765.

BEAMINSTER: Beaminster Blues & Jazz presents 'Shades of Ella' performed by Julie Dunn and Andy Christie. Plus a show of Rhythm & Blues from the Jim Luck Blues Band. At Beaminster Town Hall. Doors and bar open 7.30pm, music 8-10pm. Tickets £10 from Yarn Barton Mon-Fri 9.30-12.30p or by calling 01308 861746.

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WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music for ages 50+. 3-4.30pm at the WI Hall, George Street, West Bay. £5 per session. Every Friday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

CHARMOUTH: Bingo at St Andrew's Community Hall, Lower Sea Lane. Doors 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 20TH & SATURDAY 21ST

DORCHESTER: The United Church Players present 'At The Movies' a Musical Revue with Songs, Sketches and Drama in the United Church Hall, Charles Street. 7pm on Friday, 2.30pm and 7pm on Saturday. Tickets at £4 each available from the Church Shop. Proceeds to National Stroke Association.

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WEYMOUTH: Jim Davis presents a programme played by top bands in Marching And Waltzing, for Weymouth Classical Recorded Music Society at the Acorns, Grosvenor Road, Weymouth from 7.30pm. Further details: Tel 779787

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TUESDAY FEBRUARY 24TH

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Chair-based Exercise. 10.30am-12noon at the WI Hall, George Street, West Bay. £5 per session. Every Tuesday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 25TH

MARTINSTOWN, NEAR DORCHESTER: Chair-based Exercise. 11.15am-12.30pm at the village hall. £5 per session. Every Wednesday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

UPLYME: Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society talk 'Hidden Gardens of London' by Bob Ayers, who knows the nooks and crannies of the Capital well after 30 years in the City of London Police. Members attend free, non-members £3. at Uplyme Village Hall, 7.30pm. For more information see our website, ulhrs.wordpress.com or ring Chairman Jenny Harding on 444034

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 27TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club meeting at Woodmead Halls. Phil Wells' Triptych competition. 7.30pm-10pm. For more details call 01297 444733

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DORCHESTER: Bournemouth In The Old Days, is the subject of Jim Boudreau's presentation to Dorchester Area Group of the Somerset & Dorset Railway Trust at the Dorset Room, Colilton Club, County Hall, Dorchester, 7.30pm. Further details from 01305 262121, or email: heather.foster1@btinternet.com

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▲ All-new Renault Twingo

RENAULT'S award-winning new Twingo city car range has been further bolstered by the addition of a new top-of-the-range model, the Dynamique S TCE 90.

It features the previously optional 'Sport Pack' of exterior styling and interior trim embellishments as standard, and is powered by the 90 hp 0.9-litre TCE turbocharged petrol engine fitted to the former top model, the Dynamique TCE 90.

Standard features unique to the Dynamique S include an aluminium pedal set, red/black part leather upholstery

and a red interior touch pack. The exterior lines are set off by 16-inch sport diamond-cut alloy wheels, matt black side decals and an exterior touch pack in red, with white as a no-cost option.

The red interior touch pack adds stylish finishing touches to the steering wheel, centre console and air vents, while the exterior touch pack does the same for the front grille insert, door mirrors and side door protectors.

The Dynamique S also comes with LED daytime running lights, front foglamps, electric heated door mirrors, cruise control, a lane departure warning system, a

leather-trimmed steering wheel and gearshift knob, air conditioning and white instrument backlighting. As with every new Twingo, it has electric power steering, electric front windows, a trip computer and gearchange indicator, a lane-change function for the indicators and automatic activation of the rear screen wiper when reverse gear is selected.

Practicality is ensured by the unique in-segment folding front passenger seat and a split-folding two-seat rear bench. The safety equipment includes Electronic Stability Control, Hill Start Assist, Emergency Brake Assist and a Tyre Pressure Monitoring System.

The 0.9-litre TCE turbocharged engine endows the Dynamique S with the performance to match its sporty looks. It develops 90 hp at 5,500 rpm and 135 Nm of torque at 2,500 rpm – sufficient for 0-62 mph acceleration in 10.8 seconds and a top speed of 103 mph. Yet with engine Stop & Start as standard it is also extremely efficient, recording an official 65.7 mpg – and more than 50 mpg in urban city use – with CO2 emissions of just 99 g/km to put it in VED Band A for free Road Fund Licence.

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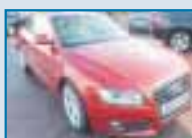
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ance range includes: 55 kW / 75 PS, 75 kW / 102 PS, and the top-of-the-range engine a 110 kW / 150 PS. Recording the lowest fuel consumption is the Caddy Blue Motion panel van, specially developed for inner-city deliveries: "With its low fuel consumption of less than four litres per 100 kilometres (70+ mpg), the new Caddy sets a new standard," explained Dr. Eckhard Scholz, Chairman of the Board of Management of Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles.

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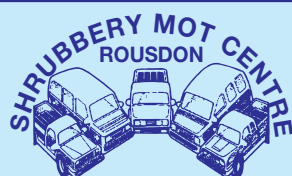
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Dorset football round-up

Walker double sees Magpies bag successive wins

Dorchester Town 3 Arlesey Town 1

Southern League Premier – att; 223

STAND-IN striker Nathan Walker added another two goals to his bulging tally since being asked to lead the Magpies line early last month, as Dorchester Town produced successive victories under new manager Mark Jermyn writes *Stuart Broom*.

This was a game that the hosts could not afford to lose against the side immediately beneath them at the foot of the Southern Premier Division following their superb victory at Hungerford three days earlier, and they went for the jugular from the off.

Jermyn put Ben Watson in wide left in the fourth minute and having evaded keeper Nick Thompson, his acute angled shot struck the front of the post and was cleared.

Walker then glanced Chris Dillon's long throw just wide of the far post before Bradley Tarbuck's vicious volley from the angle of the penalty area flashed just wide of the far post.

Thompson then just managed to hang on to Dan Smith's 22-yard kick by his fingertips, before the Magpies pressure told in the 13th minute.

When the ball broke to Sam Lanahan he threaded a pass through to Watson who just beat Thompson to the ball to finish with aplomb.

Arlesey's first sight of goal came five minutes later when Hallelujah Basmel pounced on an error in the home defence, but fortunately his effort was deflected on to the post by Walker-Harris and subsequently cleared.

Thompson got revenge on Watson soon after when he saved at the striker's feet after being put in by Tarbuck cross. Although home keeper Alan Walker-Harris had to make two fairly routine save from Kim Forsythe and Martel Powell, it was mainly Dorchester and they finally doubled their advantage three minutes from the break.

Walker's first shot from Tarbuck's cut back was blocked, but he followed up to ram home his second attempt.

They almost put the game out of sight three minutes after the break when Jake Smeeton's long ball found Tarbuck wide on the left. His speed saw him cut inside and fire in a low angled shot that beat Thompson but struck the far post.

Smith then beat the Blues keeper to the ball and fired in a fierce angled shot, but first Warren Plowwright and then Sam Willett managed to stop it going over the line.

Eventually the third goal game on the hour when Walker rose unopposed, to head home Smith's corner.

The game became stagnant after this with Dorchester appearing to have settled for what they had, whilst Arlesey showed no signs of piercing the Magpies defence.

Then eight minutes from time Walker-Harris went down at the feet of substitute Leon Lobjoit as the ball ricocheted off a couple of players and referee David Ricketts pointed to the penalty spot. George Ironton converted the spot kick.

This gave the visitors hope and a minute later sub Franck Kegni fired just wide as they went looking for more goals, but Dorchester rode the storm.

In the final minute Watson almost added a fourth after Walker had headed a flick on into his path, but the ball bobbed on the surface just as he went to shoot and Thompson saved.

Quick start is just right for Crittenden

DORCHESTER Town's second flying start in as many weeks is a tactic the new management team have looked to implement as they fight for Southern League Premier Division survival.

Speaking after the 3-1 victory over their fellow strugglers, assistant manager Nick Crittenden said: "We've done that the last two or three games; what we are looking to do is kill teams off."

"We've started to create a lot of chances going forward, we're looking more solid at the back, and Jamie Gleeson and Lewis Morgan have been dominating games for us in midfield."

"We now just want that extra bit of quality to finish teams off by scoring a better percentage of the chances we create."

"I think we were quite comfortable all the game and I don't think they caused us too many problems at all, and it was disappointing not to have kept a clean sheet."

Ben Watson scored the Magpies first goal, his first in open play since returning to the club, with Nathan Walker, who has been used as a striker in the last few games, bagging the other two.

Crittenden said of Watson, back for his second spell at The Avenue: "Ben is a quality player. Although perhaps he feels he's not firing on all cylinders, what he

has brought to the team by his experience, his runs and his hold-up play has made us a better team."

"He gives us better opportunities with his unselfish running creating chances for other people, and now he's got that goal we believe that they will keep coming."

He said of Walker, who has quashed speculation of a move to Gosport Borough following an approach by the Conference South outfit last week by confirming he will see out his contract at Dorchester: "Nathan seems like a different character."

"We know that one day he will probably have to go back in defence, but why should we move him at the moment when he is doing such a great job for us? He's hard to play against, wins the majority of his flick-on's and puts himself about."

"He knows his limitations, does things simply and has been quite effective for us."

Jermyn quality on and off field

ASKED the reason for the change in the team performance since he and manager Mark Jermyn had been put in charge, Crittenden felt a lot of what the Magpies are doing well on the pitch stems from Jermyn's qualities as a player.

"Everyone goes on about Mark as a manager, but as a player he has given us stability at the back. He's an organiser and he gets people around him, and he doesn't let them switch off for a second."

"You can see out on the pitch that we look so much more solid and other teams aren't getting as many chances against us as they were."

We've got the extra man at the back and we're also creating chances as well. It appears that everyone in the club has a new lease of life."

happy on the touchline

SO often the architect of many of the Magpies successes, former Glover Crittenden admitted he was enjoying life on the touchline, but is ready for action should he be required.



◆ **RESPECTED:** Assistant manager Nick Crittenden wrapped up against the cold, helps take the players through their warm-up routine.

The midfielder was plagued with a hamstring injury earlier in the season but is now back to fitness."

"I love it. I feel I get as much, if not more of a buzz in winning, than as a player. I'm fit, but at the moment the boys are doing so well why should I put myself in; but should I be required, I'm ready."

"But I'm happy to stand on the sideline and bring my experience to the lads."

DORSET FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Senior League

THE Balti House maintained their six-point lead with a 5-0 win over bottom side Portland Utd Res with goals from Grant Chance (2), Ethan Devaney, Charlie Kenderdine and Ricky Lane.

Chickerell Utd returned to winning ways with a 5-0 victory over their visitors Witchampton Utd with Dan Welch and Joshua Why both netting a brace and one for Jamie Rawlins.

Three goals in the last ten minutes saw Dorchester Sports take maximum points on their trip to Okeford with a 3-0 win.

Sturminster Newton Utd completed the double over third placed South Cheriton with a 5-2 win with goals from Liam Samways (3), Neil Sweatman and Wayne Moussalli.

Division One

BOTTOM side Poundbury Rovers went down 6-1 at home to Lytchett RT with the hosts' goal coming from Jordan Butler.

Division Two

PORTESHAM Utd earned a valuable point in their 0-0 draw at fourth place Wyke Regis SC, while Portland Town moved up into the top five with a 4-2 victory over Piddlehinton Utd with goals from Daniel Sheppard, Alex Counter, Elliott Gould and Simon Proffitt.

Chickerell Utd Res stay at the foot of the table despite their 3-2 win at Broadstone.

Division Three

PUDDLETOWN beat leaders Stickland Utd 5-2 at the Rec with goals from Elliott Byerly (2), Jonathan Coward, Chris Read and Iain Travers.

Stalbridge gained their first win since early October and moved off the foot of the table following their 8-1 success against their visitors Portland Town Reserves.

Division Four

PORTLAND Utd Youth kept up their unbeaten record and go six points clear following their 4-1 win at South Cheriton Res, as Fleetline lost ground following their 3-2 home defeat to Kangaroo Reserves.

Goals from Matt Dear and Simon Shapcott could not stop UFC Poundbury going down 3-2 against visitors Pimperne SS.

Division Five

BOTTOM side Portland Town B earned a valuable point in their 3-3 home draw with AFC Blandford Res courtesy of goals from Paul Cole (2) and Sam Hayne.

Weymouth Basketball

Lost Raiders find winning way

North Devon 48

Message Weymouth Raiders 61

AFTER their loss in the cup, Massage Weymouth Raiders travelled away to North Devon in a must-win game to stay in the chase for the Exeter & District Division Two title.

However, with half the Raiders team getting lost en-route and turning up with five minutes till tip, they started cold and slow.

Luckily North Devon found themselves in early foul trouble putting Weymouth to the line six times in the first quarter which helped the visitors stay within six points.

With a large portion of the points, including a three pointer from MVP Piotr Lason in the second quarter, Raiders still finished the first half trailing 31-34.

The second half saw a much different

Raiders side, with points coming from all players.

Andy Steel with a three to start the half, some great team defence, and fast breaks from Dan Park, saw Weymouth start pulling away from the tired looking North Devon side.

The final quarter saw Raiders outscore North Devon 15-4, again with great team defence, fast breaks and a three pointer from Park to finish the game 61-48.

Coach Craig Sorrell said: "Overall it was a great team effort with every player contributing to the game in some way, whether it was through scoring, rebounding or just great hustle defence."

Roster/Scorers: Piotr Lason 24, Dan Park 14, Andy Steel 9, Scott White 5, Simon Dean 5, Pavel Dimitrov 4, Jerry Thompson.

Table tennis

Budmouth B still boast 100 percent record

BUDMOUTH B made it 12 out of 12 with a comfortable 28-5 win at Springfield B, although the hosts did only have two players. Second placed Budmouth C had an equally comfortable night against bottom side Preston C, recording a 29-4 win at the school.

Shipton Gorge B registered maximum points against Colliton C securing a 30-11 win. In a tight local derby, Preston B maintained their slender league position advantage over Preston A with a 24-16 victory.

With the top three in Division 3 not playing it left Shipton Gorge C the opportunity to make a dent in their lead, and they duly obliged by earning a 22-12 win over Preston D. Pilgrims B visited Budmouth to play the girls of their E team and went home happy after a 26-10 win.

The experience of Brian Hawker, Richard Ellerby and Alec Bailey saw them home but Snigdha Maganti beat

both Ellerby and Bailey. The match against Bailey was an epic with Maganti coming from two sets down to secure victory.

Despite scoring maximum points in his singles matches, Roy Sharp was unable to stop Wyke C from falling to defeat to Dorset Youth B by a 21-13 score line.

This was a tight one that could have gone either way right up until the final singles match with Mick Hogben securing the win with victory over John Southway.

Wyke M moved up in to third place in Division 1 this week with a 24-14 home win over YMCA. Red Triangle closed the gap on Colliton X in beating them 25-11.

Pilgrims A's cup form continues to desert them as they still look for their first league win. Shipton Gorge A were their conquerors this week running out 23-16 winners.



◆ **MAXIMUM POINTS:** Shipton Gorge B (from left); Brian Cammell, Derek Wheeler and Graham Albertella who scored maximum points against Colliton C.

Lyme Regis Skittles

LADIES	P	Pts	BL
Wootton Wobblers	8	16	12
Smashers	8	11	5
Hot Gossips	8	8	6
La Crème	8	6	12
Just us	7	6	9
Hot Pins	8	6	4
Rollercoasters	7	5	10
Generations	8	4	6

MMENS DIV ONE	P	Pts	BL
No Hoppers	7	14	8
Young Guns	7	9	9
Marksman	7	8	11
Anthill Mob	7	7	10
Flyers	7	7	5
Clueless	8	7	4
Tornadoes	7	5	6
Roadrunners	7	4	5
Skippy's Six	7	3	6

MMENS DIV TWO	P	Pts	BL
Rousdon Rebels	7	10	10
Wreckers	7	10	9
Alleytwits	7	10	3
Miscellaneous	6	8	9
Trappers	7	8	8
President's Men	6	4	5
Shakers	7	4	4
Skittle me Timbers	4	2	4
British Legion	7	0	2

February Cup Fixtures
Monday, February 16th
LADIES DOUG CLARK CUP
Generations v Hot Gossips
La Crème v
Wootton Wobblers

Wednesday, February 18th
Men's Pairs
ROCK POINT
K Bearpark & J Rickard,
J Chapman & T Tozer,
P Grinter & L Dare,
M Williams & A Aldworth,
N Chapman & C Marchant,
M Croad & R Bevis,
P Rattenbury & P Liston,
A Critchard & C Wrixon.

GEORGE
P Hodder & L Hodder,
M Denning & J Bennett,
T Edwards & S Flux,
A Churchill & D Welsh,
R Bovill & S Smith,
P Bright & R Chapple,
R Tucker & K Pratt,
P Kirkman & J Stamp.

Friday 20th February
Men's Cornish Cup
Marksman v Flyers
Anthill Mob v Trappers
Skippy's Six v Roadrunners
Wreckers v No Hoppers

Hockey

Hawks gain revenge to stay in touch

West Dorset Hawks 4 PGSOB A 2
HAVING lost to PGSOB earlier in the season the Hawks wanted revenge on a team they felt they should have beaten. However, half of the West Dorset team did not turn up until the start time which led to a sluggish first 10 minutes, and they duly fell 1-0 down.

Eventually the Hawks started to string some passes together putting pressure on PGSOB.

The midfield duo of Dan Wyatt and captain Rick Dormor were linking well with Steve Mearing and Mike Thompson, and after a clever ball was slide through a gap by Wyatt, Dormor beat a defender and shot on goal. His effort was parried by the visiting keeper but Thompson knocked in the rebound for the equaliser.

They were then caught napping again just after the break and succumbed to another goal from the visitors, which appeared to motivate them to move up a gear ensure the win.

It was only a matter of time before Hawks replied - they did not have to wait long.

After a number of short corners that did not seem to work, they made a hash of their original plan from another, and instead hit the ball into the danger area where Alex Davis snapped up a rebound to equalise for a second time.

Shortly afterwards Rusty Coombes won the ball back in midfield before picking out the Thompson who dribbled the ball through a number of tackles before smashing the ball into the corner to give West Dorset the lead.

With their noses in front they weren't going to give away the lead, and Jim Bowditch beat his marker before finding Mearing who thrashed home a fourth goal.

Skipper Dormer said: "Special mention should go to Mike Thompson who had a great game, not only scoring two goals but for constantly hassling of the Plymouth defence, and to Lee Connally and Gavin Brooking for some great composure on the ball when under pressure."

The win takes the Hawks back into third spot with a two point lead on Sidmouth & Ottery A and Camborne SoM who drew 3-3.

West Dorset A who did not have a game slipped to third on goal difference after North Devon A beat bottom side Sidmouth & Ottery D 9-0, but they do have a game in hand.

Beaminster win through after slow start

YEovil & Sherborne 3rd 1 BEAMINSTER 3

BOTH sides took time to get acclimatised to the Arctic conditions at Yeovil Rec at Chilton Grove on Saturday, resulting in a scrappy game to start with, but it was Yeovil's team of experience and youthful runners that got going quickest and dominated possession early on.

As a result they took the lead on 14 minutes from a short corner, and although Lisa Condliffe saved the first shot, the follow up was a fierce drive that took a deflection off a stick and flew into the top corner.

Slowly Beaminster got more cohesion in their game and the introduction of Megan Tuck's strength and pace put the hosts defence on the back foot, and they equalised with four minutes of the first half remaining.

A shot following a short corner was saved, but Tuck picked up the rebound and fired a reverse stick undercurt past the keeper.

Yeovil almost regained the lead on the stroke of halftime when a Condliffe made an acrobatic save to keep out a goal bound shot.

A reshuffle at the start of the second half following an injury to Genna Bunker saw Iris Garcia reintroduced, and she produced a wonderful display in midfield that earned her the Player of the Match award.

Bunker's harrying of the opposition was a big influence on Beaminster taking control of the match.

They took the lead ten minutes in when Phoebe Stewart's angle shot was diverted home by Lydia Brooking.

Sustained pressure from Beaminster's younger player Brooking, Tuck, Bella Foot and Garcia shut down Yeovil's midfield supply, although the visiting defence had to be alert to their quick breakaways, whilst slick counter passing saw Beaminster create a number of chances of their own.

They extended their lead 15 minutes from time when Tuck had a shot cleared of the line. The rebound was missed, but Garcia following up fired it into an open goal.

With Bournemouth 3rds losing, Beaminster climb into second spot.

But with the last group of seven games in what is a very competitive league this season to come, it means nothing except they should now have enough points to avoid relegation, something never contemplated after the first seven matches.

BEAMINSTER: Lisa Condliffe, Jenny Clarke, Sarah Davies, Tracey Smith, Izzy Mullins, Lydia Brooking, Julia May, Genna Bunker, Bella Foot, Phoebe Stewart, Iris Garcia, Megan Tuck.

Channel Div 1	Pld	Pts
Yeovil & Sher 2nd	14	35
Bournemouth 3rd	12	22
BEAMINSTER	13	19
B & SN 2nd	14	16
Salisbury 4th	14	16
Yeovil & Sher 3rd	13	13
Salisbury 3rd	11	13
Gillingham 2nd	12	9

D' Wood Div 1 (top)	Pld	Pts
Tavistock	15	42
Isca C	15	30
WEST DORSET	15	24
Sidmth & Ott A	15	24
Camborne SoM	15	23
Bude	15	20
PGSOB A	15	18
Plymouth Uni A	15	17
USHC Plymouth	15	17
East Devon A	15	15
OPM A	15	10
Truro B	15	8

SE 2 Div (top)	Pld	Pts
Bridgwater B	12	33
W.DORSET A	12	28
North Devon A	12	25
Ashmoor A	11	20
Chard A	12	18
Bridgwater C	12	18
Sidmth & Ott C	12	18
Minehead B	12	6
Taunton Vale D	13	5
Sidmth & Ott D	12	4

Rugby

Young Blues put in spirited performance

Bridport 5 Weymouth & Portland 40
A STRONG and well-organised Weymouth & Portland visited a still depleted Bridport on Saturday and walked away with a convincing win.
As with Swanage & Wareham the previous week however, a young Blues side put up a spirited performance. No less than seven Colts were used, Cullian Lennon and Joel Vincent-Jones making their first start for the senior side.

First blood, in fact, went to the hosts as a charged down defensive kick fell kindly into Darragh McCloughlin's hands and he went over the try line virtually unopposed. Rory Greening, back from a long injury lay off, was unable to add the conversion.
Weymouth & Portland responded immediately with a converted try and for the next 25 minutes the play ebbed and fro. Bridport were enjoying some good possession and more than one scoring opportunity went begging.

Shortly before the interval however, Weymouth stepped up a gear and landed two tries, one of which was well converted from a tight angle to give the Seaside's a 19-5 halftime lead.

The second half carried on with the visitors in the ascendance and Bridport fighting hard to stay in contention.

Two more converted tries made the deficit stretch

further into the distance, but again Bridport had their moments, forcing four penalties close to their opponents try line. Each time they were stopped agonisingly short.

As the end approached Weymouth's forwards drove over for a sixth try and the conversion went in off the upright.

Harry Richardson was Man of the Match for an excellent all round performance in the back row.

Dorset & Wilts 2S	Pld	+/	Pts
East Dorset	17	407	76
Salisbury II	16	329	61
Swanage & Wareham II	16	287	55
Weymouth & Portland	16	242	46
Puddletown	16	-66	44
Dorchester II	16	41	39
Bournemouth III	16	59	37
BRIDPORT	16	-95	28
Ellingham & Ringwood II	16	-216	28
New Milton II	16	-249	21
Wimborne III	16	-370	6
North Dorset III	17	-369	-1

Bridport 18 U9 Lytchett Minster 6

THIS was another fantastic performance from Bridport with all the players fully engaged and brimming with enthusiasm.

Over two excellent games Bridport beat Lytchett

Minster by 18 tries to six.

Charles Edwards (5), Barney Johnson (3), Man-of-the-Match Dom Burdett (3) Stanley Copper (3), Charlie Brake (2) and Henry Everitt (2) all crossed the whitewash.

Honiton 12 U14 Bridport 26

THE young Blues travelled to Honiton and despite the pitch being heavy underfoot they were not deterred.

Winning the toss, they decided to play up the slope, giving their hosts a slight advantage in the first half.

From the kickoff Honiton failed to secure the ball and Bridport took advantage and the resulting Bridport pressure paid off with a try for Henry Knight under the posts, which was converted by Joe O'Hagan.

From the restart Honiton managed to put some good phases of play together and scored their opening try.

This was followed by another unconverted score leaving the Blues trailing.

At the start of the second half the Bridport started to recycle the ball better and used the width of the field to their advantage. This resulted in a well worked try for Toby Taylor, which went uncon-

verted.
Further forward pressure saw Alfred Jovanovic score a try, for which O'Hagan added the extras.

With Honiton only a converted try behind, a tense finale ensued.

This was eased by Sam Roberts-Wray who touched down after hacking the ball towards the try line, with O'Hagan again converting.

Bridport 52 U12 Lytchett Minster 0

WITH the Blues up to full strength they were alert and keen to win the ball. They fought hard to win the breakdown, were first to the ball and quick to run the next phase.

It was not a perfect performance with too many knock on's and penalties given away, but their dominance masked these mistakes.

This was another great effort from the back line with six of the eight tries scored by Oliver Willis (3), Finlay Shoemark (2) and Harrison Weekes. Their opportunities were the result of a strong pack that won the majority of set play and the loose breakdown.

Ryan Phillips led by example scoring two individual tries.

However, Man of the Match went to loose head Lewis Ali.

Running

Charities to benefit from popular 10k run

MORE than 300 runners are expected to take part in the 2015 Weymouth Bay 10K charity fun run on March 22nd.

The popular annual event will see participants set out from the Riviera Hotel at Bowleaze Cove and run along the sea wall and the Esplanade to the ferry terminal before returning to Overcombe Corner for the finish.

The event is being organised as part of MCC Promotions 10K run series across the UK.

Race director Mark Caswell said: "Everyone taking part will attend a five-minute warm-up outside the hotel.

"Runners will then set off and do two laps of the green open space at Bowleaze before setting off into town to the ferry terminal and back to the finish

at Overcombe Corner.

"Two charities will be benefitting from the event, Crohns and Colitis and Weymouth Cricket Club Youth Section, and we are hoping to raise hundreds of pounds for them.

"Runners can be accepted right up to and on the race day itself.

"It costs £11 each to enter and every runner gets a T-shirt and a medal while there will be trophies for the first three runners home."

WCC chairman John Ryan said: "We are very grateful to be chosen as one of the two causes to be backed by this event."

Anyone who wants more information or who would like to register can call Mark on 07977-831519.



ON YOUR MARKS: Personal trainer and event sponsor Claire Tuck (front) helps the official launch of the Weymouth bay 10Kcharity fun run at the Riviera Hotel.



MATCH ACTION: From Bridports RFC's (quartered shirts) 40-5 defeat against Weymouth & Portland last Saturday.

Bridport Skittles

CUP Fixtures for week beginning Monday, February 16th:

Mixed Fours - R2

Monday, February 16th
BRIDPORT FC: Rest of the Best; PC Tops; Rejects; Focus Four.

Wednesday, February 18th
BRIDPORT FC: Brookside; Fletchers Four; After Eights; Turkish Delights.

Division A	Pld	Pts
Wanderers	11	20
Rejects	12	18
Rockets	13	16
Shipfaced	11	16
Masters	11	14
Rough Eight	12	12
Denhay	12	11
Lively Lads	12	10
Outsiders	11	10
Slingers	13	6
The Dingles	9	4
Broad Oak	13	3

Division B	Pld	Pts
Nelson Nobblers	12	22
U Know the Blokes	13	21
Dingbats	13	18
NBC	13	16
Originals	12	14
Crazy Gang	13	10
Gerryatics	12	10
LHS	13	10
Miss The Ball	13	10
7" Clock	12	8
Bangers	11	7
Mean Machine	13	4

Division C	Pld	Pts
Countrymen	13	22
Castouts	13	20
Bulldogs	13	18
Whiskey Chasers	12	17
Pioneers	12	16
Strawpeedoes	13	13
Pinseekers	13	11
Aussies Lot	13	10
Alcoholics	13	8
Survivors	13	8
Unknowns	13	8
AFAR	13	3

Division D	Pld	Pts
Alleycats	13	18
Yo Yo's	12	18
Groundhogs	10	16
Stinger	13	16
Offcuts	12	13
Brandy Snaps	12	12
Hidden Talent	12	12
Let 'em Roll	11	12
Featherbeds	12	10
Bad Girls	13	7
Pinbashes	12	6
Tiger Lilies	13	4

Highest individual League score: A.Coombes (Outsiders) and F.Parsons (Originals) & I Reeve (Miss the Ball) all 92.

Lyme Regis Golf

By Richard Jackman
 IN the February medal the windy conditions affected many good golfers, but not so young Stuart Wight who kept his nerve on the back nine with four birdies to get this handicap back down to scratch.

This was a remarkable achievement from Stuart who has only been playing golf for less than four years. His net 72 was enough to win Division One from Andrew Dawe, net 73 and Brian Rees - 74.

However the best net score of the day went to Colin Baker in Division Two, whose no nonsense round earned him an excellent net 71 points, six shots clear of Brian Deem, 77 with Matthew Brotherton taking 3rd - net 79.

Bees news

Cards not falling for Bridport teams

Bridport 1 Cadbury Heath 1

Toolstation Premier - att: 54

JAMIE Symes ended Bridport's three game goal drought by putting the Bees ahead at a freezing cold St Mary's Field last week, but they had to settle for a point in the end with a late own goal from Chris Senior.

The Bees had an early let off when the visitors scored in the third minute, but it was disallowed for offside.

They went close on two other occasions before Bridport had a shot on goal through stand-in striker Shane Evans. Soon after visiting keeper Simon Crawford smothered Sean Stewart's shot on the line.

The Heathens replied and Bees keeper Ashley Weeks was forced to save from Sacha Tong before Senior blocked George Boon's effort.

They continued to take the game to Bridport after the break, but the introduction of subs Symes and Chris Clarke saw the Bees pick up their game, and Crawford produced two superb saves before Symes put the Bees ahead on 76 minutes with a header from Dan Wise's corner.

Matt Morley then hit the side netting before Matt Huxley should have done better in a one-on-one with Weeks.

However, they finally got their reward for their efforts in the last minute when Senior couldn't help but chest the ball in his own net under pressure from Huxley.

Bees boss fuming at red card decisions

WESTLAND SPORTS 6

BRIDPORT RESERVES 2

BRIDPORT Reserves suffered similar controversial refereeing decisions as their first team did at St Mary's Field, when they travelled to Westland Sports.

Russell Legg was red carded early on following an altercation with a Sports player where both received a yellow card following an exchange of words between the two. However, following intervention from the assistant, Legg was subsequently shown a red.

Bees manager Robin Townsend said that he saw Legg move his head towards his opponent but didn't see any contact, but realises the linesman may have seen more and that it was the right decision.

However, he was fuming later when Gary Bulman was brought down by the Sports keeper when clean through on goal, but whilst awarding a penalty the referee did not send the gloveman off.

"In everybody's opinion the goalie should have been sent off; it was a clear goal scoring opportunity which had been denied. If their keeper had been dismissed it could have been a different game."

Although Chris Herbst made no mistake from the penalty spot, it left Bridport a man short, and in the second half they paid for it as they tired.

Sports scored three times before the break to take the lead, but Bulman scored to give the Bees hope after they started the second period on top.

Ben Clarke then missed two great chances to have put Bridport ahead, before tiredness took over and Sports scored three more to add to Bridport's woe.

Townsend concluded: "If we had got to 3-3 and maybe gone 4-3 up then it could have been a different game. I can't blame the referee for the defeat overall, they were great going forward, and we didn't take our chances."

Bridport storm to final

BRIDPORT U15 6 WEYMOUTH 1

BRIDPORT eased into the Dorset County Cup Final for the second year running with a solid 6-1 win over local rivals Weymouth at St Marys Field.

The home side went into this game as solid favourites and they proved why on their day they are the best youth U15 team in Dorset.

Right from the off they got at the visitors with wave after wave of attacking. A late tackle on Tom Hyde, when clean through on goal, earned the home team a penalty which captain Jaydon Scadding converted.

This opened the floodgates and further goals from Callan Lowden, Dane James, Tommy Craven and a brace for Samuel Handyside saw the home side power out of sight.

Weymouth did secure a consolation goal but it was always Bridport's day and they now go on to meet Branksome United looking for revenge for a 1-0 defeat in last year's final.

Foiled by late equaliser

BOURNEMOUTH POPPIES U18 1

BRIDPORT YOUTH 1

FOR the second time this season Bridport Youth saw two points snatched away by a last gasp goal.

Back in September, a deserving Westland Sports made it 3-3 on the final

whistle; on Sunday a 10-man Bournemouth Poppies headed a draw with just seconds to go.

The match was a scrappy affair as both teams struggled to get the ball under control on the decidedly uneven surface.

Bridport's Sam Tabner and Jonah Ayunga both had good chances on goal early in the game but were foiled as the ball bobbled as they took aim.

At the other end, the ball spent much of the goalless first half out of play as the home team's attempts to get the ball on target went wildly wide.

Early in the second half Bridport were rewarded for a period of pressure with a penalty after Sam Tabner was brought down in the box. Tabner made no mistake from the spot.

Despite several good chances the visitors failed to score a second and were handed a further advantage when the Poppies' manager sent off one of his own players who was then summoned back from the dressing room to be sent off again by the referee!

Seemingly unfazed, the home team won a free kick out on the left wing in the last minute and sent their whole team including the keeper into the box.

Bridport failed to pick up all the players and could only watch as the ball was headed into the net for the equaliser.

Bridport Manager Terry Warren said: "It's desperately disappointing to lose two points so late in the game but we'll pick ourselves up for next week."

"On the positive side it was good to have Harry Craddock and Tanaka Mawoney back after illness and injury."

County progress for Ladies

BRIDPORT BOWLS CLUB

BRIDPORT Ladies are flying up the County League after a string of good results, the latest being a 50-40 win against EAST DORSET for six of the eight points.

Francis Hewett, Jan Tattershall, Pat Cornick & Margaret Clapp shot into a 20-2 lead after just nine ends, finally winning 30-15 while Pamela Daters, Liz Walker, Ann Turtell & Sue Walsh lost 20-25.

Sandra Hargett, Beryl Stork, Mel Hargett & Mike Fletcher were the only winning rink in Bridport's friendly against DORCHESTER (23-16).

Sylvia Fletcher, Erica Sarson, Brian Pratt & Phil Hedges, Nova Varney, Gerry Moss, Barbara Jenkins & Brian Baker, and Brian Parker, Peter Varney, Mary Hansford & Keith Jenkins going down

11-16, 11-21 and 10-17 respectively.

At SIDMOUTH Lyn and Peter Sandall, David Aylott & Mike Craddock came close to a win, their opponents scoring a three count on the final end to edge home 22-23.

The Hargett's Parker and Baker were taking a pasting, 3-28 down after 16 ends, but a fighting finish saw them claw it back to 13-28.

In the County Mixed League Bridport roared to an overall 99-66 win over the DOLPHIN (Poole).

Lyn Craddock, Liz Walker, Barry Mapson & Brian Rumble, and Viv Gill, Mike Craddock, and Sue & Brian Walsh recording fine 22-10 & 28-20 away wins.

Joan and Mel Griffiths, Ann Parkins & Brian Legg, and Erica Sarson, Brian Pratt and Laura & Bob Taylor winning at home 28-14 & 21-20 for maximum points.



◆ RALLY kings Rex Ireland from Axminster and Bridport's Adrian Scadding are hoping to make the same kind of start to the 2015 season as last year when they compete in the opening round of the BRDTA Rally on Saturday. Last year they completed an almost faultless run in the 44-mile long Wyedean Forest Rally in their 1977 Ford Escort and hope that they can do the same again around the route which will utilise the seldom used stages in the Forest of Dean and Lower Wye Valley.

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Horse Racing

Ugolin makes promising hurdles debut

UGOLIN DE BEAUMONT made an impressive debut over hurdles at Exeter on Sunday, confirming trainer Bob Buckler's initial thoughts that the seven-year old could become one of the most promising prospects in the stable writes Stuart Broom.

His second place behind Sir Ivan in the Huge Cheltenham Offer At 32RedSport.com 'National Hunt' Novices' Hurdle over 2m3f showed that his talent is beginning to show through after finishing second in the bumper at Chepstow over the Christmas holidays behind the highly rated

Ghost River.

The 20/1 shot was held up in touch on the outside at Exeter before starting his challenge four out.

He had every chance with three to jump, and although staying on finished 21/4 lengths down on the winner.

Meanwhile, BALLYEGAN continued his impressive form with two more second placed finishes, meaning he has been placed 15 times in his 33 races to date.

Moving up to take second before the last in the 2m7f Haldon Handicap Hurdle at Exeter three

weeks ago, he was unable to make any impression on Aroseforoscar in the run in.

A change of tactics at Taunton last week saw him lead from the start in the 3m handicap hurdle, before being headed two out.

However, despite rallying to regain second, he could not overhaul The GeeGeez Geegee who won by 1½ lengths.

TINKER TIME failed to continue his excellent form at Exeter in the Cheltenham Day One Madness At 32Red Graduation Chase over 3m when he made a mistake at the 13th and finished last.

Bridport & District Darts

Division One	Pld	Pts
BSC	15	26
Knapp Inn	15	20
Rob's Robbers	15	19
Nomads	14	17
Outsiders	15	17
Nags Head A	15	14
Hands of Time	14	13
Rubber Johns	14	13
It's in the Middle	14	10
The Hitmen	14	8
One for the Vikings	15	3

180s leaders: Tony Young x6, Terry Prowse x5, Mark Fisher, Graham Knight, Ben Grainger & Steve Smith all x4, eight players x3.

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Young Darters	13	23
Dat Team	14	20
Elders	14	19
Odds or Us	13	17
Les Miserables	13	16
Poachers	13	13
Royal Hawks	13	9
Anchor Vale Viewers	13	7
Flashes Fives	13	5
The Surgeons	13	3

180s leaders: P.Rowley x4, Robin Townsend & Andy Reid both x3, Len Challis & Simon Warry both x2, five players x1.

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Otter Rotters	15	21
Midnight Runners	15	19
Time Bombs	14	17
Inbetweens	13	16
Mis Fit	14	16
Anchor Five	13	15
Only Just	15	10
Odds & Sods	12	8
The Royal Nuts	13	7
Tip Top Odds	12	7

180s leaders: Chris Eaton x3, Paul Bearpark & Andre Reynolds both x2, seven players x1.

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Robbie's Rebels	14	20
No Direction	13	18
Tiger Bees	13	18
Sorted Odds	15	17
Dodgers	13	16
Whamo	14	15
Con Artists	12	11
Red Arrows	14	8
Money Shot Mafia	14	7
Mozzies Heroes	14	6

180s leaders: Billy Hallett, Paul Norman, Dan Rawlings, Bob Rendell & Andy Page (all x1).

Ladies Division One	Pld	Pts
Tender Trap	18	34
Anchor Aces	18	26
Clocking In	18	26
Knight 'n' Gals	18	20
Against the Odds	18	16
Queen Bees	18	14
Queens of the Club	18	4
Cliff Hangers	18	4
Dawe & Sarah Chick	all x3	
Sharon Poole, Liz Vowells & Sue Violet	all x1	

Ladies Division Two	Pld	Pts
Castaways	16	25
Sue's Rebels	16	24
Tracey's Tarts	16	22
Next Door	16	18
Wildcats	16	14
Good Mates	16	14
Tiger Stripes	15	10
Anchor's Aweigh	15	10
Charlie's Angels	16	5
180s leaders: L.Sweet	x1	

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INSIDE: Local sport round-up

Magpies cry foul at Centurion loss

Dorchester Town 0 Cirencester Town 1
Southern League premier - att: 404

DORCHESTER Town failed to make it three games unbeaten under Mark Jermyn's stewardship when they were denied a late penalty that could have earned them a point.

Trailing to Matt Liddiard's 33rd minute strike, Dorchester were pressing for an equaliser when, deep in added time, they were awarded a free kick on the halfway line. Centurions' keeper Glyn Garner raced out of goal to punch clear, but unfortunately missed the ball completely and wiped out Matt Oldring.

The ball ran through to Jermyn inside of the six-yard box, but as he was about to turn the ball home he was pushed in the back by Mark Pritchett and the ball ran over the byeline.

Despite protestations which ended with Oldring and Cirencester's Ian Herring being booked, referee Matt Dabbs refused

both appeals and awarded a goal kick.

The Magpies boss was furious with the decision. He said: "The ball ran through to me after the keeper had clattered into Matt, but just as I was about to put it in the net I was pushed from behind and I ended up falling over the ball.

"They didn't touch the ball so I can't see why he (referee Dabbs) has not given a penalty. It could have been given for the first challenge on Matt, because their keeper wiped him out.

"The referee said he didn't think it was a penalty but we thought he indicated that it was. I didn't dive but if it wasn't a penalty why wasn't I booked for diving?"

"These small margins really matter to us, and after the game I asked him to have a look at it on the video because that cost us a valuable point, and we deserved to get something out of the game.

A sand covered pitch made life difficult for both teams and chances at goal were

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few and far between with neither keeper really tested.

The goal that finally separated the sides came on 33 minutes from a corner floated to the far post where Ellis Dunton headed back across goal for skipper Liddiard to stoop and head home from close in.

Dorchester almost equalised when Garner rushed out to block Ben Watson hook on from Smeeton's free kick.

However, with the keeper stranded, Nathan Walker fired the rebound just wide of the post.

In the second half Lewis Morgan mis-kicked from 12 yards and Bradley Tarbuck was denied by Garner as he fired in a shot after playing a one-two with Watson.

The loanee then fired wide of an open goal from 35 yards when Garner's clear-

ance found him.

Ed Williams had Cirencester's best chance soon after but wanted too much time to try and get his shot in and was eventually blocked out.

With time running out Garner came to the Centurions rescue when he saved at point blank range from Morgan after Walker had nodded Tarbuck's cross into his path, before the final penalty drama.

Looking forward Jermyn said: "I'm not going to dwell too much on it because the performance was good.

"We've been competitive against the top teams so I'm expecting us to be more so with sides in and around us.

"I believe we've got more than enough to see us step up the league. We have not been taken apart by anyone yet, and we need to continue making small improvements. It's work in progress.

"Wednesday's game at Frome is going to be a very tough one."

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